

Fill in this information to identify your case:

United States Bankruptcy Court for the :

NORTHERN District of ILLINOIS  
(State)

Case Number (if known): \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter you are filing under:

- ☐ Chapter 7  
☐ Chapter 11  
☐ Chapter 12  
☒ Chapter 13

☐ Check if this is an amended filing

## Official Form 101

### Voluntary Petition for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy

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The bankruptcy forms use *you* and *Debtor 1* to refer to a debtor filing alone. A married couple may file a bankruptcy case together-called a *joint case*-and in joint cases, these forms use *you* to ask for information from both debtors. For example, if a form asks, "Do you own a car," the answer would be yes if either debtor owns a car. When information is needed about the spouses separately, the form uses *Debtor 1* and *Debtor 2* to distinguish between them. In joint cases, one of the spouses must report information as *Debtor 1* and the other as *Debtor 2*. The same person must be *Debtor 1* in all of the forms.

Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known). Answer every question.

**Part 1:** Identify Yourself

	About Debtor 1:	About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):
<b>1. Your full name</b>  Write the name that is on your government-issued picture identification (for example, your driver's license or passport).  Bring your picture identification to your meeting with the trustee.	<u>Michael</u> First name <u>Edward</u> Middle name <u>Gaston</u> Last name <u>Sr.</u> Suffix (Sr., Jr., II, III)	  First name  Middle name  Last name  Suffix (Sr., Jr., II, III)
<b>2. All other names you have used in the last 8 years</b>  Include your married or maiden names.	 First name  Middle name  Last name  First name  Middle name  Last name	 First name  Middle name  Last name  First name  Middle name  Last name
<b>3. Only the last 4 digits of your Social Security number or federal Individual Taxpayer Identification number</b>	XXX - XX - <u>6432</u> OR <b>9</b> XX - XX - ____	XXX - XX - ____ OR <b>9</b> XX - XX - ____

Debtor 1 Michael Edward Gaston  
First Name Middle Name Last Name

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	About Debtor 1:	About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):
<p>4. <b>Any business names and Employer Identification Numbers (EIN) you have used in the last 8 years</b></p> <p>Include trade names and <i>doing business as</i> names</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I have not used any business names or EINs.</p> <p>Business name _____</p> <p>Business name _____</p> <p>EIN _____</p> <p>EIN _____</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> I have not used any business names or EINs.</p> <p>Business name _____</p> <p>Business name _____</p> <p>EIN _____</p> <p>EIN _____</p>
<p>5. <b>Where you live</b></p>	<p>16737 Claire Lane Number Street</p> <p>South Holland IL 60473 City State ZIP Code</p> <p>COOK County</p> <p><b>If your mailing address is different from the one above, fill it in here.</b> Note that the court will send any notices to you at this mailing address.</p> <p>Number Street _____</p> <p>P.O. Box _____</p> <p>City State ZIP Code _____</p>	<p><b>If Debtor 2 lives at a different address:</b></p> <p>Number Street _____</p> <p>City State ZIP Code _____</p> <p>County _____</p> <p><b>If Debtor 2's mailing address is different from the one above, fill it in here.</b> Note that the court will send any notices this mailing address.</p> <p>Number Street _____</p> <p>P.O. Box _____</p> <p>City State ZIP Code _____</p>
<p>6. <b>Why you are choosing this district to file for bankruptcy.</b></p>	<p><i>Check one:</i></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Over the last 180 days before filing this petition, I have lived in this district longer than in any other district.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I have another reason. Explain. (See 28 U.S.C. § 1408)</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p><i>Check one:</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Over the last 180 days before filing this petition, I have lived in this district longer than in any other district.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I have another reason. Explain. (See 28 U.S.C. § 1408)</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>

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**Part 2: Tell the Court About Your Bankruptcy Case**

7. **The chapter of the Bankruptcy Code you are choosing to file under** *Check one. (For a brief description of each, see Notice Required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy (Form 2010)). Also, go to the top of page 1 and check the appropriate box.*
- ☐ Chapter 7
- ☐ Chapter 11
- ☐ Chapter 12
- ☒ Chapter 13
- 
8. **How you will pay the fee** ☒ **I will pay the entire fee when I file my petition.** Please check with the clerk's office in your local court for more details about how you may pay. Typically, if you are paying the fee yourself, you may pay with cash, cashier's check, or money order. If your attorney is submitting your payment on your behalf, your attorney may pay with a credit card or check with a pre-printed address.
- ☐ **I need to pay the fee in installments.** If you choose this option, sign and attach the *Application for Individuals to Pay The Filing Fee in Installments* (Official Form 103A).
- I request that my fee be waived (You may request this option only if you are filing for Chapter 7. By law, a judge may, but is not required to, waive your fee, and may do so only if your income is less than 150% of the official poverty line that applies to your family size and you are unable to pay the fee in installments). If you choose this option, you must fill out the *Application to Have the Chapter 7 Filing Fee Waived* (Official Form 103B) and file it with your petition.
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9. **Have you filed for bankruptcy within the last 8 years?** ☐ No
- ☒ Yes. District IL Northe When 08/05/2015 Case Number 15-26783  
MM / DD / YYYY
- District IL Northe When 06/11/2007 Case Number 07-10370  
MM / DD / YYYY
- District \_\_\_\_\_ When \_\_\_\_\_ Case Number \_\_\_\_\_  
MM / DD / YYYY
- 
10. **Are any bankruptcy cases pending or being filed by a spouse who is not filing this case with you, or by a business partner, or by affiliate?** ☒ No
- ☐ Yes. Debtor \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to you \_\_\_\_\_  
District \_\_\_\_\_ When \_\_\_\_\_ Case Number, if known \_\_\_\_\_  
MM / DD / YYYY
- Debtor \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to you \_\_\_\_\_  
District \_\_\_\_\_ When \_\_\_\_\_ Case Number, if known \_\_\_\_\_  
MM / DD / YYYY
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11. **Do you rent your residence?** ☒ No. Go to line 12
- ☐ Yes. Has your landlord obtained an eviction judgment against you and do you want to stay in your residence?
- ☐ No. Go to line 12.
- ☐ Yes. Fill out *Initial Statement About an Eviction Judgment Against You* (Form 101A) and file it with this bankruptcy petition.

Debtor 1 Michael Edward Gaston  
First Name Middle Name Last Name

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**Part 3: Report About Any Businesses You Own as a Sole Proprietor**

**12. Are you a sole proprietor of any full- or part-time business?**

A sole proprietorship is a business you operate as an individual, and is not a separate legal entity such as a corporation, partnership, or LLC.

If you have more than one sole proprietorship, use a separate sheet and attach it to this petition.

- ☒ No. Go to Part 4.  
☐ Yes. Name and location of business

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of business, if any

\_\_\_\_\_  
Number Street

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

\_\_\_\_\_  
State Zip Code

Check the appropriate box to describe your business:

- ☐ Health Care Business (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(27A))  
☐ Single Asset Real Estate (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51B))  
☐ Stockbroker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(53A))  
☐ Commodity Broker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(6))  
☐ None of the above

**13. Are you filing under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code and are you a small business debtor?**

For a definition of *small business debtor*, see 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D).

*If you are filing under Chapter 11, the court must know whether you are a small business debtor so that it can set appropriate deadlines. If you indicate that you are a small business debtor, you must attach your most recent balance sheet, statement of operations, cash-flow statement, and federal income tax return or if any of these documents do not exist, follow the procedure in 11 U.S.C. § 1116(1)(B).*

- ☒ No. I am not filing under Chapter 11.  
☐ No. I am filing under Chapter 11, but I am NOT a small business debtor according to the definition in the Bankruptcy Code.  
☐ Yes. I am filing under Chapter 11 and I am a small business debtor according to the definition in the Bankruptcy Code.

**Part 4: Report if You Own or Have Any Hazardous Property or Any Property That Needs Immediate Attention**

**14. Do you own or have any property that poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable hazard to public health or safety? Or do you own any property that needs immediate attention?**

*For example, do you own perishable goods, or livestock that must be fed, or a building that needs urgent repairs?*

- ☒ No.  
☐ Yes. What is the hazard? \_\_\_\_\_

If immediate attention is needed, why is it needed? \_\_\_\_\_

Where is the property? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Number Street

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

\_\_\_\_\_  
State ZIP Code

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**Part 5: Explain Your Efforts to Receive a Briefing About Credit Counseling**

**15. Tell the court whether you have received a briefing about credit counseling.**

The law requires that you receive a briefing about credit counseling before you file for bankruptcy. You must truthfully check one of the following choices. If you cannot do so, you are not eligible to file.

If you file anyway, the court can dismiss your case, you will lose whatever filing fee you paid, and your creditors can begin collection activities again.

**About Debtor 1:**

*You must check one:*

☒ I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, and I received a certificate of completion.

Attach a copy of the certificate and the payment plan, if any, that you developed with the agency.

☐ I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, but I do not have a certificate of completion.

Within 14 days after you file this bankruptcy petition, you **MUST** file a copy of the certificate and payment plan, if any.

☐ I certify that I asked for credit counseling services from an approved agency, but was unable to obtain those services during the 7 days after I made my request, and exigent circumstances merit a 30-day temporary waiver of the requirement.

To ask for a 30-day temporary waiver of the requirement, attach a separate sheet explaining what efforts you made to obtain the briefing, why you were unable to obtain it before you filed for bankruptcy, and what exigent circumstances required you to file this case.

Your case may be dismissed if the court is dissatisfied with your reasons for not receiving a briefing before you filed for bankruptcy. If the court is satisfied with your reasons, you must still receive a briefing within 30 days after you file. You must file a certificate from the approved agency, along with a copy of the payment plan you developed, if any. If you do not do so, your case may be dismissed. Any extension of the 30-day deadline is granted only for cause and is limited to a maximum of 15 days.

☐ I am not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling because of:

☐ **Incapacity.** I have a mental illness or a mental deficiency that makes me incapable of realizing or making rational decisions about finances.

☐ **Disability.** My physical disability causes me to be unable to participate in a briefing in person, by phone, or through the internet, even after I reasonably tried to do so.

☐ **Active duty.** I am currently on active military duty in a military combat zone.

If you believe you are not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling, you must file a motion for waiver of credit counseling with the court.

**About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):**

*You must check one:*

☐ I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, and I received a certificate of completion.

Attach a copy of the certificate and the payment plan, if any, that you developed with the agency.

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Debtor 1 Michael  
First NameEdward  
Middle NameGaston  
Last Name

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**Part 6:****Answer These Questions for Reporting Purposes****16. What kind of debts do you have?**

16a. **Are your debts primarily consumer debts?** *Consumer debts* are defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(8) as "incurred by an individual primarily for a personal, family, or household purpose."

- ☐ No. Go to line 16b.  
☒ Yes. Go to line 17.

16b. **Are your debts primarily business debts?** *Business debts* are debts that you incurred to obtain money for a business or investment or through the operation of the business or investment.

- ☐ No. Go to line 16c.  
☐ Yes. Go to line 17.

16c. State the type of debts you owe that are not consumer debts or business debts.

\_\_\_\_\_

**17. Are you filing under Chapter 7?**

☒ No. I am not filing under Chapter 7. Go to line 18.

☐ Yes. I am filing under Chapter 7. Do you estimate that after any exempt property is excluded and administrative expenses are paid that funds will be available to distribute to unsecured creditors?

- ☐ No.  
☐ Yes.

**Do you estimate that after any exempt property is excluded and administrative expenses are paid that funds will be available for distribution to unsecured creditors?**

**18. How many creditors do you estimate that you owe?**

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-49 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1,000-5,000   | <input type="checkbox"/> 25,001-50,000     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 50-99           | <input type="checkbox"/> 5,001-10,000  | <input type="checkbox"/> 50,001-100,000    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 100-199         | <input type="checkbox"/> 10,001-25,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> More than 100,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 200-999         |  |  |

**19. How much do you estimate your assets to be worth?**

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$0-\$50,000                  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,001-\$10 million    | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000,001-\$1 billion     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$50,001-\$100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,001-\$50 million   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,000,001-\$10 billion  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,001-\$500,000           | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000,001-\$100 million  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,000,001-\$50 billion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,001-\$1 million         | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000,001-\$500 million | <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$50 billion        |

**20. How much do you estimate your liabilities to be?**

- |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$0-\$50,000                   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,001-\$10 million    | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000,001-\$1 billion     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001-\$100,000             | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,001-\$50 million   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,000,001-\$10 billion  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$100,001-\$500,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000,001-\$100 million  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,000,001-\$50 billion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,001-\$1 million          | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000,001-\$500 million | <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$50 billion        |

**Part 7:****Sign Below****For you**

I have examined this petition, and I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided is true and correct.

If I have chosen to file under Chapter 7, I am aware that I may proceed, if eligible, under Chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code. I understand the relief available under each chapter, and I choose to proceed under Chapter 7.

If no attorney represents me and I did not pay or agree to pay someone who is not an attorney to help me fill out this document, I have obtained and read the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b).

I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.

I understand making a false statement, concealing property, or obtaining money or property by fraud in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$250,000, or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

**X** /s/ Michael Edward Gaston, Sr.

Signature of Debtor 1

**X** \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Debtor 2

Executed on 10/21/2016  
MM / DD / YYYY

Executed on \_\_\_\_\_  
MM / DD / YYYY

Debtor 1 Michael Edward Gaston Case Number (if known) \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name Middle Name Last Name

**For your attorney, if you are represented by one**

**if you are not represented by an attorney, you do not need to file this page.**

I, the attorney for the debtor(s) named in this petition, declare that I have informed the debtor(s) about eligibility to proceed under Chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, and have explained the relief available under each chapter for which the person is eligible. I also certify that I have delivered to the debtor(s) the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) and, in a case in which § 707(b)(4)(D) applies, certify that I have no knowledge after an inquiry that the information in the schedules filed with the petition is incorrect.

**X /s/ Merid Teklehaimanot Mekonnen**

Signature of Attorney for Debtor

Date

**Date: 10/27/2016**

MM / DD / YYYY

**Merid Teklehaimanot Mekonnen**

Printed name

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Number Street

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City

IL

State

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6309684

Bar number

IL

State

Fill in this information to identify your case:

Debtor 1 Michael Edward Gaston  
First Name Middle Name Last Name

Debtor 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Spouse, if filing) First Name Middle Name Last Name

United States Bankruptcy Court for the : NORTHERN District of ILLINOIS  
(State)

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(If known)

☐ Check if this is an amended filing

## Official Form 106Sum

### Summary of Your Assets and Liabilities and Certain Statistical Information

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Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. Fill out all of your schedules first; then complete the information on this form. If you are filing amended schedules after you file your original forms, you must fill out a new *Summary* and check the box at the top of this page.

#### Part 1: Summarize Your Assets

##### Your assets Value of what you own

- |   |           |
|---|-----------|
| 1. <i>Schedule A/B: Property</i> (Official Form 106A/B)                   |           |
| 1a. Copy line 55, Total real estate, from <i>Schedule A/B</i> .....       | \$ 0      |
| 1b. Copy line 62, Total personal property, from <i>Schedule A/B</i> ..... | \$ 81,168 |
| 1c. Copy line 63, Total of all property on <i>Schedule A/B</i> .....      | \$ 81,168 |

#### Part 2: Summarize Your Liabilities

##### Your liabilities Amount you owe

- |   |           |
|---|-----------|
| 2. <i>Schedule D: Creditors Who Have Claims Secured by Property</i> (Official Form 106D)  |           |
| 2a. Copy the total you listed in Column A, <i>Amount of claim</i> , at the bottom of the last page of Part 1 of <i>Schedule D</i> ..... | \$263,941 |
| 3. <i>Schedule E/F: Creditors Who Have Unsecured Claims</i> (Official Form 106E/F)  |           |
| 3a. Copy the total claims from Part 1 (priority unsecured claims) from line 6e of <i>Schedule E/F</i> .....                             | \$0       |
| 3b. Copy the total claims from Part 2 (nonpriority unsecured claims) from line 6j of <i>Schedule E/F</i> .....                          | \$17,383  |

#### Part 3: Summarize Your Liabilities

- |   |            |
|---|------------|
| 4. <i>Schedule I: Your Income</i> (Official Form 106I)                    |            |
| Copy your combined monthly income from line 12 of <i>Schedule I</i> ..... | \$6,324.47 |
| 5. <i>Schedule J: Your Expenses</i> (Official Form 106J)                  |            |
| Copy your monthly expenses from line 22c of <i>Schedule J</i> .....       | \$4,671.92 |



Debtor 1 Michael Edward Gaston  
First Name Middle Name Last Name

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EntriesDescription

AssetsAmount LiabilitiesAmount

Part 4:

Answer These Questions for Administrative and Statistical Records

6. Are you filing for bankruptcy under Chapter 7, 11 or 13?

- ☐ No. You have nothing to report on this part of the form. Check this box and submit this form to the court with your other schedules.
- ☒ Yes

7. What kind of debt do you have?

- ☒ Your debts are primarily consumer debts. Consumer debts are those "incurred by an individual primarily for a personal, family, or household purpose." 11 U.S.C. § 101(8). Fill out lines 8-9g for statistical purposes. 28 U.S.C. § 159.
- ☐ Your debts are not primarily consumer debts. You have nothing to report on this part of the form. Check this box and submit this form to the court with your other schedules.

8. From the Statement of Your Current Monthly Income: Copy your total current monthly income from Official Form 122A-1 Line 11; OR, Form 122B Line 11; OR, Form 122C-1 Line 14.

\$ 10,349.14

9. Copy the following special categories of claims from Part 4, line 6 of Schedule E/F:

Total claim

From Part 4 of Schedule E/F, copy the following:

- 9a. Domestic support obligations (Copy line 6a.) \$ 0.00
- 9b. Taxes and certain other debts you owe the government. (Copy line 6b.) \$ 0.00
- 9c. Claims for death or personal injury while you were intoxicated. (Copy line 6c.) \$ 0.00
- 9d. Student loans. (Copy line 6f.) \$ 15,000.00
- 9e. Obligations arising out of a separation agreement or divorce that you did not report as priority claims. (Copy line 6g.) \$ 0.00
- 9f. Debts to pension or profit-sharing plans, and other similar debts. (Copy line 6h.) \$ 0.00
- 9g. Total. Add lines 9a through 9f. \$ 15,000.00

Debtor 1	<u>Michael</u>	<u>Edward</u>	<u>Gaston</u>
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Debtor 2			
(Spouse, if filing)	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
United States Bankruptcy Court for the : <u>NORTHERN</u> District of <u>ILLINOIS</u>			
			(State)
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Official Form 106A/B

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**Part 1: Describe Each Residence, Building, Land, or Other Real Estate You Own or Have an Interest In**

**\$73,068.00**

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04. Watercraft, aircraft, motor homes, ATVs and other recreational vehicles, other vehicles, and accessories

Examples: Boats, trailers, motors, personal watercraft, fishing vessels, snowmobiles, motorcycle accessories

No.

Yes. Describe.....

5. Add the dollar value of the portion you own for all of your entries fro Part 2, including any entries for pages you have attached for Part 2. Write that number here -->

\$ 8,325.00

Part 3: Describe Your Personal and Household Items

Do you own or have any legal or equitable interest in any of the following items?

Current value of the portion you own?  
Do not deduct secured claims or exemptions

06. Household goods and furnishings

Examples: Major appliances, furniture, linens, china, kitchenware

No.

Yes. Describe.....

Furniture, linens, small appliances, table & chairs, bedroom set

\$1,000

\$ 1,000.00

07. Electronics

Examples: Televisions and radios; audio, video, stereo, and digital equipment; computers, printers, scanners; music collections; electronic devices including cell phones, cameras, media players, games

No.

Yes. Describe.....

Flat screen TV, computer, printer, music collection, cell phone

\$500

\$ 500.00

08. Collectibles of value

Examples: Antiques and figurines; paintings, prints, or other artwork; books, pictures, or other art objects; stamp, coin, or baseball card collections; other collections, memorabilia, collectibles

No.

Yes. Describe.....

\$ 0.00

09. Equipment for sports and hobbies

Examples: Sports, photographic, exercise, and other hobby equipment; bicycles, pool tables, golf clubs, skis; canoes and kayaks; carpentry tools; musical instruments

No.

Yes. Describe.....

\$ 0.00

10. Firearms

Examples: Pistols, rifles, shotguns, ammunition, and related equipment

No.

Yes. Describe.....

\$ 0.00

11. Clothes

Examples: Everyday clothes, furs, leather coats, designer wear, shoes, accessories

No.

Yes. Describe.....

Everyday clothes, shoes, accessories

\$200

\$ 200.00

12. Jewelry

Examples: Everyday jewelry, costume jewelry, engagement rings, wedding rings, heirloom jewelry, watches, gems, gold, silver

No.

Yes. Describe.....

Everyday jewelry, costume jewelry,

\$100

\$ 100.00

13. Non-farm animals

Examples: Dogs, cats, birds, horses

No.

Yes. Describe.....

\$ 0.00

14. Any other personal and household items you did not already list, including any health aids you did not list

☒ No.

☐ Yes. Describe.....

\$ 0.00

15. Add the dollar value of all of your entries from Part 3, including any entries for pages you have attached

for Part 3. Write that number here ----- -->

\$1,800.00

Part 4: Describe Your Financial Assets

Do you own or have any legal or equitable interest in any of the following?

Current value of the portion you own?

Do not deduct secured claims or exemptions

16. Cash

Examples: Money you have in your wallet, in your home, in a safe deposit box, and on hand when you file your petition

☒ No.

☐ Yes. Describe.....

\$ 0.00

17. Deposits of money

Examples: Checking, savings, or other financial accounts; certificates of deposit; shares in credit unions, brokerage houses, and other similar institutions. If you have multiple accounts with the same institution, list each.

☐ No.

☒ Yes. Describe.....

Account Type:

Institution name:

Checking Account

Chase Bank

\$ 500.00

\$ 500.00

18. Bonds, mutual funds, or publicly traded stocks

Examples: Bond funds, investment accounts with brokerage firms, money market accounts

☒ No.

☐ Yes. Describe..... Institution or issuer name:

\$ 0.00

19. Non-publicly traded stock and interests in incorporated and unincorporated businesses, including an interest in

☒ No.

☐ Yes. Describe..... Name of Entity and Percent of Ownership:

\$ 0.00

20. Government and corporate bonds and other negotiable and non-negotiable instruments

Negotiable instruments include personal checks, cashiers' checks, promissory notes, and money orders. Non-negotiable instruments are those you cannot transfer to someone by signing or delivering them.

☒ No.

☐ Yes. Describe..... Issuer name:

\$ 0.00

21. Retirement or pension accounts

Examples: Interests in IRA, ERISA, Keogh, 401(k), 403(b), thrift savings accounts, or other pension or profit-sharing plans

☒ No.

☐ Yes. Describe..... Type of account and Institution name:

\$ 0.00

22. Security deposits and prepayments

Your share of all unused deposits you have made so that you may continue service or use from a company

Examples: Agreements with landlords, prepaid rent, public utilities (electric, gas, water), telecommunications

☒ No.

☐ Yes. Describe..... Institution name or individual:

\$ 0.00

23. Annuities (A contract for a periodic payment of money to you, either for life or for a number of years)

☒ No.

☐ Yes. Describe..... Issuer name and description:

\$ 0.00

24. Interests in an education IRA, in an account in a qualified ABLE program, or under a qualified state tuition program.

26 U.S.C. §§ 530(b)(1), 529A(b), and 529(b)(1).

☒ No.

☐ Yes. Describe..... Institution name and description. Separately file the records of any interests. 11 U.S.C. § 521(c):

\$ 0.00

25. Trusts, equitable or future interests in property (other than anything listed in line 1), and rights or powers

☒ No.

☐ Yes. Describe.....

\$ 0.00

26. Patents, copyrights, trademarks, trade secrets, and other intellectual property

Examples: Internet domain names, websites, proceeds from royalties and licensing agreements

☒ No.

☐ Yes. Describe.....

\$ 0.00

27. Licenses, franchises, and other general intangibles

Examples: Building permits, exclusive licenses, cooperative association holdings, liquor licenses, professional licenses

☒ No.

☐ Yes. Describe.....

\$ 0.00

Money or property owed to you?

Current value of the portion you own?

Do not deduct secured claims or exemptions

28. Tax refunds owed to you

☒ No.

☐ Yes. Describe.....

\$ 0.00

29. Family support

Examples: Past due or lump sum alimony, spousal support, child support, maintenance, divorce settlement, property settlement

☒ No.

☐ Yes. Describe.....

\$ 0.00

30. Other amounts someone owes you

Examples: Unpaid wages, disability insurance payments, disability benefits, sick pay, vacation pay, workers' compensation, Social Security benefits; unpaid loans you made to someone else

☒ No.

☐ Yes. Describe.....

\$ 0.00

31. Interest in insurance policies

Examples: Health, disability, or life insurance; health savings account (HSA); credit, homeowner's, or renter's insurance

☐ No.

Company Name & Beneficiary:

☒ Yes. Describe.....

Term Life insurance - Zero Cash Value.

\$0

\$ 0.00

32. Any interest in property that is due you from someone who has died

If you are the beneficiary of a living trust, expect proceeds from a life insurance policy, or are currently entitled to receive property because someone has died.

☒ No.

☐ Yes. Describe.....

\$ 0.00

33. Claims against third parties, whether or not you have filed a lawsuit or made a demand for payment

Examples: Accidents, employment disputes, insurance claims, or rights to sue

☒ No.

☐ Yes. Describe.....

\$ 0.00

34. Other contingent and unliquidated claims of every nature, including counterclaims of the debtor and rights

☒ No.

☐ Yes. Describe.....

\$ 0.00

35. Any financial assets you did not already list

☒ No.

☐ Yes. Describe.....

\$ 0.00

36. Add the dollar value of all of your entries from Part 4, including any entries for pages you have attached

for Part 4. Write that number here -->

\$500.00

Part 5:

Describe Any Business-Related Property You Own or Have an Interest In. List any real estate in Part 1.

37. Do you own or have any legal or equitable interest in any business-related property?

☒ No.

☐ Yes.

Current value of the portion you own?  
Do not deduct secured claims or exemptions

38. Accounts receivable or commissions you already earned

☒ No.

☐ Yes. Describe.....

\$ 0.00

39. Office equipment, furnishings, and supplies

Examples: Business-related computers, software, modems, printers, copiers, fax machines, rugs, telephones, desks, chairs, electronic devices

☒ No.

☐ Yes. Describe.....

\$ 0.00

40. Machinery, fixtures, equipment, supplies you use in business, and tools of your trade

☒ No.

☐ Yes. Describe.....

\$ 0.00

41. Inventory

☒ No.

☐ Yes. Describe.....

\$ 0.00

42. Interests in partnerships or joint ventures

☒ No.

☐ Yes. Describe.....

Name of Entity and Percent of Ownership:

\$ 0.00

43. Customer lists, mailing lists, or other compilations

☒ No.

☐ Yes. Describe.....

\$ 0.00

44. Any business-related property you did not already list

☒ No.

☐ Yes. Describe.....

\$ 0.00

45. Add the dollar value of all of your entries from Part 5, including any entries for pages you have attached for Part 5. Write that number here

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\$ 0.00

Part 6:

Describe Any Farm- and Commercial Fishing-Related Property You Own or Have an Interest In. If you own or have an interest in farmland, list it in Part 1.

46. Do you own or have any legal or equitable interest in any farm- or commercial fishing-related property?

☒ No.

☐ Yes. Describe.....

\$ 0.00

47. Farm animals

Examples: Livestock, poultry, farm-raised fish

☒ No.

☐ Yes. Describe.....

\$ 0.00

48. Crops—either growing or harvested

☒ No.

☐ Yes. Describe.....

\$ 0.00

49. Farm and fishing equipment, implements, machinery, fixtures, and tools of trade

☒ No.

☐ Yes. Describe.....

\$ 0.00

50. Farm and fishing supplies, chemicals, and feed

☒ No.

☐ Yes. Describe.....

\$ 0.00

51. Any farm- and commercial fishing-related property you did not already list

☒ No.

☐ Yes. Describe.....

\$ 0.00

52. Add the dollar value of all of your entries from Part 6, including any entries for pages you have attached

for Part 6. Write that number here ..... -->

\$0.00

Part 7:

Describe All Property You Own or Have an Interest in That You Did Not List Above

53. Do you have other property of any kind you did not already list?

Examples: Season tickets, country club membership

☒ No.

☐ Yes. Describe.....

\$ 0.00

54. Add the dollar value of all of your entries from Part 7. Write that number here ..... -->

\$0.00

Part 8:

List the Totals of Each Part of this Form

55. Part 1: Total real estate, line 2

\$ 73,068.00

56. Part 2: Total vehicles, line 5

\$ 8,325.00

57. Part 3: Total personal and household items, line 15

\$ 1,800.00

58. Part 4: Total financial assets, line 36

\$ 500.00

59. Part 5: Total business-related property, line 45

\$ 0.00

60. Part 6: Total farm- and fishing-related property, line 52

\$ 0.00

61. Part 7: Total other property not listed, line 54

\$ 0.00

62. Total personal property. Add lines 56 through 61. ....

\$ 10,625.00

\$ 10,625.00

63. Total of all property on Schedule A/B. Add line 55 + line 62

\$83,693.00

## Fill in this information to identify your case:

Debtor 1 Michael Edward Gaston  
 First Name Middle Name Last Name

Debtor 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Spouse, if filing) First Name Middle Name Last Name

United States Bankruptcy Court for the : NORTHERN District of ILLINOIS  
 (State)

Case Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 (If known)

☐ Check if this is an amended filing

## Official Form 106C

## Schedule C: The Property You Claim as Exempt

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Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. Using the property you listed on Schedule A/B: Property (Official Form 106A/B) as your source, list the property that you claim as exempt. If more space is needed, fill out and attach to this page as many copies of Part 2: Additional Page as necessary. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known).

For each item of property you claim as exempt, you must specify the amount of the exemption you claim. One way of doing so is to state a specific dollar amount as exempt. Alternatively, you may claim the full fair market value of the property being exempted up to the amount of any applicable statutory limit. Some exemptions such as those for health aids, rights to receive certain benefits, and tax-exempt retirement funds may be unlimited in dollar amount. However, if you claim an exemption of 100% of fair market value under a law that limits the exemption to a particular dollar amount and the value of the property is determined to exceed that amount, your exemption would be limited to the applicable statutory amount.

## Part 1: Identify the Property You Claim as Exempt

1. Which set of exemptions are you claiming? Check one only, even if your spouse is filing with you.

☒ You are claiming state and federal nonbankruptcy exemptions. 11 U.S.C. § 522(b)(3)

☐ You are claiming federal exemptions. 11 U.S.C. § 522(b)(2)

2. For any property you list on Schedule A/B that you claim as exempt, fill in the information below.

Brief description of the property and line on Schedule A/B that lists this property		Current value of the portion you own	Amount of the exemption you claim	Specific laws that allow exemption
		Copy the value from Schedule A/B	Check only one box for each exemption	
Brief description:	16737 Claire Lane South Holland IL 60473 - Primary Residence	\$ 73,068	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$ 15,000	735 ILCS 5/12-901 - \$15,000.00
Line from Schedule A/B:	01		<input type="checkbox"/> 100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit	
Brief description:	2011 Chevrolet Impala with over 110,000 miles	\$ 5,800	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$ 2,400	735 ILCS 5/12-1001(c) - \$2,400.00
Line from Schedule A/B:	03		<input type="checkbox"/> 100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit	
Brief description:	Furniture, linens, small appliances, table & chairs, bedroom set	\$ 1,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$	735 ILCS 5/12-1001(b) - \$1,000.00
Line from Schedule A/B:	06		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit	
Brief description:	Flat screen TV, computer, printer, music collection, cell phone	\$ 500	<input type="checkbox"/> \$	735 ILCS 5/12-1001(b) - \$500.00
Line from Schedule A/B:	07		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit	



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**Part 2: Additional Page**

Brief description of the property and line on Schedule A/B that lists this property		Current value of the portion you own	Amount of the exemption you claim	Specific laws that allow exemption
		Copy the value from Schedule A/B	Check only one box for each exemption	
Brief description:	Everyday clothes, shoes, accessories	\$ 200	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____	735 ILCS 5/12-1001(a),(e) - \$200.00
Line from Schedule A/B:	11		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit	
Brief description:	Everyday jewelry, costume jewelry,	\$ 100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____	735 ILCS 5/12-1001(a),(e) - \$100.00
Line from Schedule A/B:	12		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit	
Brief description:	Checking Account, Chase Bank, 500.00	\$ 500	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____	735 ILCS 5/12-1001(b) - \$500.00
Line from Schedule A/B:	17		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit	

**3. Are you claiming a homestead exemption of more than \$155,675?**

(Subject to adjustment on 4/01/16 and every 3 years after that for cases filed on or after the date of adjustment .)

- ☒ No.
- ☐ Yes. Did you acquire the property covered by the exemption within 1,215 days before you filed this case?
- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes.

Fill in this information to identify your case:

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Debtor 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Spouse, if filing) First Name Middle Name Last Name

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(State)

Case Number \_\_\_\_\_  
(If known)

☐ Check if this is an amended filing

## Official Form 106D

### Schedule D: Creditors Who Have Claims Secured by Property

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Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, copy the Additional Page, fill it out, number the entries, and attach it to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known).

1. Do any creditors have claims secured by your property?

- ☐ No. Check this box and submit this form to the court with your other schedules. You have nothing else to report on this form.
- ☒ Yes. Fill in all of the information below.

**Part 1: List All Secured Claims**

2. List all secured claims. If a creditor has more than one secured claim, list the creditor separately for each claim. If more than one creditor has a particular claim, list the other creditors in Part 2. As much as possible, list the claims in alphabetical order according to the creditors name.

		Column A Amount of claim Do not deduct the value of collateral	Column A Value of collateral that supports this claim	Column C Unsecured portion If any	
2.1	<p>Santander Consumer USA</p> <p>Creditor's Name PO Box 961245</p> <p>Number Street</p> <p>Fort Worth TX 76161</p> <p>City State Zip Code</p> <p>Who owes the debt? Check one.  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 only  <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 2 only  <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 only  <input type="checkbox"/> At least one of the debtors and another</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check if this claim relates to a community debt</p> <p>Date Debt was incurred 2012-10-12</p>	<p>Describe the property that secures the claim:</p> <p>2011 Chevrolet Impala with over 110,000 miles</p> <p>As of the date you file, the claim is: Check all that apply.  <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent  <input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated  <input type="checkbox"/> Disputed</p> <p>Nature of Lien. Check all that apply.  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An agreement you made (such as mortgage or secured car loan)  <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory lien (such as tax lien, mechanic's lien)  <input type="checkbox"/> Judgment lien from a lawsuit  <input type="checkbox"/> Other (including a right to offset) _____</p> <p>Last 4 digits of account number _____</p>	\$ 10,223.00	\$ 5,800.00	\$ 4,423.00
2.2	<p>SPS Portfolio</p> <p>Creditor's Name PO Box 65250</p> <p>Number Street</p> <p>Salt Lake City UT 84165</p> <p>City State Zip Code</p> <p>Who owes the debt? Check one.  <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 only  <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 2 only  <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 only  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At least one of the debtors and another</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check if this claim relates to a community debt</p> <p>Date Debt was incurred _____</p>	<p>Describe the property that secures the claim:</p> <p>16737 Claire Lane South Holland IL 60473 - Primary Residence</p> <p>As of the date you file, the claim is: Check all that apply.  <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent  <input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated  <input type="checkbox"/> Disputed</p> <p>Nature of Lien. Check all that apply.  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An agreement you made (such as mortgage or secured car loan)  <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory lien (such as tax lien, mechanic's lien)  <input type="checkbox"/> Judgment lien from a lawsuit  <input type="checkbox"/> Other (including a right to offset) _____</p> <p>Last 4 digits of account number _____</p>	\$ 253,717.93	\$ 73,068.00	\$ 180,649.93
Add the dollar value of your entries in Column A on this page. Write that number here:			\$ 263,940.93		

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**Part 2:** List Others to Be Notified for a Debt That You Already Listed

Use this page only if you have others to be notified about your bankruptcy for a debt that you already listed in Part 1. For example, if a collection agency is trying to collect from you for a debt you owe to someone else, list the creditor in Part 1, and then list the collection agency here. Similarly, if you have more than one creditor for any of the debts that you listed in Part 1, list the additional creditors here. If you do not have additional persons to be notified for any debts in Part 1, do not fill out or submit this page.

<div>2.2</div> <div>Clerk, Chancery</div> <hr/> <div>Name 50 W. Washington St., Room 802</div> <hr/> <div>Number Street</div> <hr/> <div>Chicago IL 60602</div> <hr/> <div>City State Zip Code</div>	<div>On which line in Part 1 did you enter the creditor? ____ 2.2</div> <div>Last 4 digits of account number ____</div>
<div>2.2</div> <div>Pierce &amp; Associates</div> <hr/> <div>Name 1 N. Dearborn St. #1300</div> <hr/> <div>Number Street</div> <hr/> <div>Chicago IL 60602</div> <hr/> <div>City State Zip Code</div>	<div>Last 4 digits of account number ____</div>

Add the dollar value of your entries in Column A on this page. Write that number here:

\$ 263,940.93

## Fill in this information to identify your case:

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First Name Middle Name Last Name

Debtor 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
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(State)

Case Number \_\_\_\_\_  
(If known)

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## Official Form 106E/F

## Schedule E/F: Creditors Who Have Unsecured Claims

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Be as complete and accurate as possible. Use Part 1 for creditors with PRIORITY claims and Part 2 for creditors with NONPRIORITY claims. List the other party to any executory contracts or unexpired leases that could result in a claim. Also list executory contracts on *Schedule A/B: Property* (Official Form 106A/B) and on *Schedule G: Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases* (Official Form 106G). Do not include any creditors with partially secured claims that are listed in *Schedule D: Creditors Who Have Claims Secured by Property*. If more space is needed, copy the Part you need, fill it out, number the entries in the boxes on the left. Attach the Continuation Page to this page. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known).

**Part 1:** List All of Your PRIORITY Unsecured Claims

## 1. Do any creditors have priority unsecured claims against you?

☐ No. Go to Part 2.  
☒ Yes.

2. List all of your priority unsecured claims. If a creditor has more than one priority unsecured claim, list the creditor separately for each claim. For each claim listed, identify what type of claim it is. If a claim has both priority and nonpriority amounts, list that claim here and show both priority and nonpriority amounts. As much as possible, list the claims in alphabetical order according to the creditor's name. If you have more than two priority unsecured claims, fill out the Continuation Page of Part 1. If more than one creditor holds a particular claim, list the other creditors in Part 3. (For an explanation of each type of claim, see the instructions for this form in the instruction booklet.)

	Total claim	Priority amount	Nonpriority amount
2.1 <u>Lukhanya Moore</u> Creditor's Name <u>15320 Lamon Ave</u> Number Street <u>Oak Forest</u> <u>IL</u> <u>60452</u> City State Zip Code Who owes the debt? Check one. <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 only <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 2 only <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 only <input type="checkbox"/> At least one of the debtors and another <input type="checkbox"/> Check if this claim relates to a community debt Is the claim subject to offset? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Last 4 digits of account number _____ When was the debt incurred? _____ As of the date you file, the claim is: Check all that apply. <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent <input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated <input type="checkbox"/> Disputed Type of PRIORITY unsecured claim: <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic support obligations <input type="checkbox"/> Taxes and certain other debts you owe the government <input type="checkbox"/> Claims for death or personal injury while you were intoxicated <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other. Specify <u>Child Support</u>	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

**Part 2:** List All of Your NONPRIORITY Unsecured Claims

## 3. Do any creditors have nonpriority unsecured claims against you?

☐ No. You have nothing to report in this part. Submit this form to the court with your other schedules.  
☒ Yes.

4. List all of your nonpriority unsecured claims in the alphabetical order of the creditor who holds each claim. If a creditor has more than one nonpriority unsecured claim, list the creditor separately for each claim. For each claim listed, identify what type of claim it is. Do not list claims already included in Part 1. If more than one creditor holds a particular claim, list the other creditors in Part 3. If you have more than three nonpriority unsecured claims fill out the Continuation Page of Part 2.

Total claim

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<b>4.1</b>	<p><b>AmeriCash Loans</b></p> <p>Creditor's Name PO Box 184</p> <p>Number Street</p> <p>Des Plaines IL 60016</p> <p>City State Zip Code</p> <p><b>Who owes the debt?</b> Check one.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 only</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 2 only</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 only</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> At least one of the debtors and another</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check if this claim relates to a community debt</p> <p><b>Is the claim subject to offset?</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p>	<p><b>Last 4 digits of account number</b> _____</p> <p><b>When was the debt incurred?</b> _____</p> <p><b>As of the date you file, the claim is:</b> Check all that apply.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Contingent</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Disputed</p> <p><b>Type of NONPRIORITY unsecured claim:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Student loans</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Obligations arising out of a separation agreement or divorce that you did not report as priority claims</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Debts to pension or profit-sharing plans, and other similar debts</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other. Specify <u>PayDay Loan</u></p>	<b>\$ 991.00</b>
<b>4.2</b>	<p><b>Commonwealth Edison</b></p> <p>Creditor's Name 3 Lincoln Center 4th Floor</p> <p>Number Street</p> <p>Oakbrook Terrace IL 60181</p> <p>City State Zip Code</p> <p><b>Who owes the debt?</b> Check one.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 only</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 2 only</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 only</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> At least one of the debtors and another</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check if this claim relates to a community debt</p> <p><b>Is the claim subject to offset?</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p>	<p><b>Last 4 digits of account number</b> _____</p> <p><b>When was the debt incurred?</b> _____</p> <p><b>As of the date you file, the claim is:</b> Check all that apply.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Contingent</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Disputed</p> <p><b>Type of NONPRIORITY unsecured claim:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Student loans</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Obligations arising out of a separation agreement or divorce that you did not report as priority claims</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Debts to pension or profit-sharing plans, and other similar debts</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other. Specify <u>Utility Bills/Cellular Service</u></p>	<b>\$ 577.00</b>
<b>4.3</b>	<p><b>Cornerstone/DEPT OF E</b></p> <p>Creditor's Name Po Box 61047</p> <p>Number Street</p> <p>Harrisburg PA 17106</p> <p>City State Zip Code</p> <p><b>Who owes the debt?</b> Check one.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 only</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 2 only</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 only</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> At least one of the debtors and another</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check if this claim relates to a community debt</p> <p><b>Is the claim subject to offset?</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p>	<p><b>Last 4 digits of account number</b> <u>0001</u></p> <p><b>When was the debt incurred?</b> <u>2016-2016</u></p> <p><b>As of the date you file, the claim is:</b> Check all that apply.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Contingent</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Disputed</p> <p><b>Type of NONPRIORITY unsecured claim:</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Student loans</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Obligations arising out of a separation agreement or divorce that you did not report as priority claims</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Debts to pension or profit-sharing plans, and other similar debts</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other. Specify _____</p>	<b>\$ 15,000.00</b>

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**Part 2: Your NONPRIORITY Unsecured Claims - Continuation Page**

After listing any entries on this page, number them beginning with 4.4, followed by 4.5, and so forth.

Total Claim

4.4	<p>Deutsche Bank Nat'l Trust</p> <p>Creditor's Name 200 S. Tyrone Street</p> <p>Number Street</p> <p>Charlotte NC 28202-3214</p> <p>City State Zip Code</p> <p>Who owes the debt? Check one.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 only</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 2 only</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 only</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> At least one of the debtors and another</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check if this claim relates to a community debt</p> <p>Is the claim subject to offset?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p>	<p>Last 4 digits of account number 3239</p> <p>When was the debt incurred?</p> <p>As of the date you file, the claim is: Check all that apply.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Contingent</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Disputed</p> <p>Type of NONPRIORITY unsecured claim:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Student loans</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Obligations arising out of a separation agreement or divorce that you did not report as priority claims</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Debts to pension or profit-sharing plans, and other similar debts</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other. Specify Notice Only</p>	\$ 0.00
4.5	<p>Nicor Gas</p> <p>Creditor's Name PO Box 549</p> <p>Number Street</p> <p>Aurora IL 60507</p> <p>City State Zip Code</p> <p>Who owes the debt? Check one.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 only</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 2 only</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 only</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> At least one of the debtors and another</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check if this claim relates to a community debt</p> <p>Is the claim subject to offset?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p>	<p>Last 4 digits of account number</p> <p>When was the debt incurred?</p> <p>As of the date you file, the claim is: Check all that apply.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Contingent</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Disputed</p> <p>Type of NONPRIORITY unsecured claim:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Student loans</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Obligations arising out of a separation agreement or divorce that you did not report as priority claims</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Debts to pension or profit-sharing plans, and other similar debts</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other. Specify Utility Bills/Cellular Service</p>	\$ 815.00

Debtor 1 Michael Edward Gaston Case Number (if known)

**Part 3: List Others to Be Notified for a Debt That You Already Listed**

5. Use this page only if you have others to be notified about your bankruptcy, for a debt that you already listed in Parts 1 or 2. For example, if a collection agency is trying to collect from you for a debt you owe to someone else, list the original creditor in Parts 1 or 2, then list the collection agency here. Similarly, if you have more than one creditor for any of the debts that you listed in Parts 1 or 2, list the additional creditors here. If you do not have additional persons to be notified for any debts in Parts 1 or 2, do not fill out or submit this page.

Illinois Child Support Enforce

On which entry in Part 1 or Part 2 list the original creditor?

Name  
509 S. 6th St  
Number Street

Line 1 of (Check one):

☒ Part 1: Creditors with Priority Unsecured Claims

☐ Part 2: Creditors with Nonpriority Unsecured Claims

Springfield IL 62701  
City State Zip Code

Last 4 digits of account number

Clerk, Chancery

On which entry in Part 1 or Part 2 list the original creditor?

Name  
50 W. Washington St., Room 802  
Number Street

Line 4 of (Check one):

☐ Part 1: Creditors with Priority Unsecured Claims

☒ Part 2: Creditors with Nonpriority Unsecured Claims

Chicago IL 60602  
City State Zip Code

Last 4 digits of account number 3239

Pierce & Associates

On which entry in Part 1 or Part 2 list the original creditor?

Name  
1 N. Dearborn St. #1300  
Number Street

Line 4 of (Check one):

☐ Part 1: Creditors with Priority Unsecured Claims

☒ Part 2: Creditors with Nonpriority Unsecured Claims

Chicago IL 60602  
City State Zip Code

Last 4 digits of account number 3239

Debtor 1 Michael Edward Gaston Case Number (if known)

**Part 4: Add the Amounts for Each Type of Unsecured Claim**

6. Total the amounts of certain types of unsecured claims. This information is for statistical reporting purposes only. 28 U.S.C. § 159.  
Add the amounts for each type of unsecured claim.

		Total claim	
Total claims from Part 1	6a. Domestic support obligations	6a.	\$ 0.00
	6b. Taxes and Certain other debts you owe the government	6b.	\$ 0.00
	6c. Claims for death or personal injury while you were intoxicated	6c.	\$ 0.00
	6d. Other. Add all other priority unsecured claims. Write that amount here.	6d.	\$ 0.00
	6e. Total. Add lines 6a through 6d.	6e.	\$ 0.00
Total claims from Part 2	6f. Student loans	6f.	\$ 15,000.00
	6g. Obligations arising out of a separation agreement or divorce that you did not report as priority claims	6g.	\$ 0.00
	6h. Debts to pension or profit-sharing plans, and other similar debts	6h.	\$ 0.00
	6i. Other. Add all other nonpriority unsecured claims. Write that amount here.	6i.	\$ 2,383.00
	6j. Total. Add lines 6f through 6i.	6j.	\$ 17,383.00



Fill in this information to identify your case:

Debtor 1	<u>Michael</u>	<u>Edward</u>	<u>Gaston</u>
	<small>First Name</small>	<small>Middle Name</small>	<small>Last Name</small>
Debtor 2	_____		
<small>(Spouse, if filing)</small>	<small>First Name</small>	<small>Middle Name</small>	<small>Last Name</small>
United States Bankruptcy Court for the : <u>NORTHERN</u> District of <u>ILLINOIS</u>			
<small>(State)</small>			
Case Number	_____		
<small>(if known)</small>			

☐ Check if this is an amended filing

## Official Form 106G

### Schedule G: Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases

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Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, copy the additional page, fill it out, number the entries, and attach it to this page. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known).

1. Do you have any executory contracts or unexpired leases?

- ☒ No. Check this box and submit this form to the court with your other schedules. You have nothing else to report on this form.
- ☐ Yes. Fill in all of the information below even if the contracts or leases are listed in *Schedule A/B: Property* (Official Form 106A/B)

2. List separately each person or company with whom you have the contract or lease. Then state what each contract or lease is for (for example, rent, vehicle lease, cell phone). See the instructions for this form in the instruction booklet for more examples of executory contracts and unexpired leases.

	Person or company with whom you have the contract or lease	State what the contract or lease is for
2.1	<p>_____ Name</p> <p>_____ Number Street</p> <p>_____ City State Zip Code</p>	
2.2	<p>_____ Name</p> <p>_____ Number Street</p> <p>_____ City State Zip Code</p>	
2.3	<p>_____ Name</p> <p>_____ Number Street</p> <p>_____ City State Zip Code</p>	
2.4	<p>_____ Name</p> <p>_____ Number Street</p> <p>_____ City State Zip Code</p>	
2.5	<p>_____ Name</p> <p>_____ Number Street</p> <p>_____ City State Zip Code</p>	

## Fill in this information to identify your case:

Debtor 1 Michael Edward Gaston  
 First Name Middle Name Last Name

Debtor 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Spouse, if filing) First Name Middle Name Last Name

United States Bankruptcy Court for the : NORTHERN District of ILLINOIS  
 (State)

Case Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 (If known)

☐ Check if this is an amended filing

## Official Form 106H

## Schedule H: Your Codebtors

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Codebtors are people or entities who are also liable for any debts you may have. Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, copy the Additional Page, fill it out, and number the entries in the boxes on the left. Attach the Additional Page to this page. On the top of any Additional Pages, write your name and case number (if known). Answer every question.

1. Do you have any codebtors? (If you are filing a joint case, do not list either spouse as a codebtor.)

☐ No.  
☒ Yes

2. Within the last 8 years, have you lived in a community property state or territory? (Community property states and territories include Arizona, California, Idaho, Louisiana, Nevada, New Mexico, Puerto Rico, Texas, Washington, and Wisconsin.)

☒ No. Go to line 3.  
☐ Yes. Did your spouse, former spouse, or legal equivalent live with you at the time?  
☐ No  
☐ Yes. In which community state or territory did you live? \_\_\_\_\_. Fill in the name and current address of that person.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of your spouse, former spouse or legal equivalent

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Number Street

\_\_\_\_\_  
 City State Zip Code

3. In Column 1, list all of your codebtors. Do not include your spouse as a codebtor if your spouse is filing with you. List the person shown in line 2 again as a codebtor only if that person is a guarantor or cosigner. Make sure you have listed the creditor on Schedule D (Official Form 106D), Schedule E/F (Official Form 106E/F), or Schedule G (Official Form 106G). Use Schedule D, Schedule E/F, or Schedule G to fill out Column 2.

## Column 1: Your codebtor

## Column 2: The creditor to whom you owe the debt

Check all schedules that apply:

3.1 Joanne Gaston  
 Name  
16737 Claire Lane  
 Number Street  
South Holland IL 60473  
 City State Zip Code

☒ Schedule D, line 2  
☐ Schedule E/F, line \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Schedule G, line \_\_\_\_\_

3.2 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number Street  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 City State Zip Code

☐ Schedule D, line \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Schedule E/F, line \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Schedule G, line \_\_\_\_\_

3.3 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number Street  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 City State Zip Code

☐ Schedule D, line \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Schedule E/F, line \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Schedule G, line \_\_\_\_\_

Fill in this information to identify your case:

Debtor 1 Michael Edward Gaston  
First Name Middle Name Last Name

Debtor 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Spouse, if filing) First Name Middle Name Last Name

United States Bankruptcy Court for the : NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

Case Number \_\_\_\_\_  
(If known)

Check if this is:

- ☐ An amended filing
- ☐ A supplement showing post-petition chapter 13 income as of the following date:

\_\_\_\_\_  
MM / DD / YYYY

Official Form 106I

**Schedule I: Your Income**

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Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together (Debtor 1 and Debtor 2), both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If you are married and not filing jointly, and your spouse is living with you, include information about your spouse. If you are separated and your spouse is not filing with you, do not include information about your spouse. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known). Answer every question.

**Part 1: Describe Employment**

	Debtor 1	Debtor 2 or non-filing spouse
1. Fill in your employment information		
If you have more than one job, attach a separate page with information about additional employers.		
<b>Employment status</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Employed <input type="checkbox"/> Not employed	<input type="checkbox"/> Employed <input type="checkbox"/> Not employed
Include part-time, seasonal, or self-employed work.		
<b>Occupation</b>	<u>Driver</u>	<u>Social Coordinator</u>
Occupation may include student or homemaker, if it applies.		
<b>Employers name</b>	<u>Waste Management</u>	<u>Hekton Institute LLC</u>
<b>Employers address</b>	<u>1001 Fannin St., #4000</u> <u>Houston, TX 77002</u>	<u>2240 W. Ogden Ave 2nd Fl</u> <u>Chicago, IL 60612</u>
<b>How long employed there?</b>	<u>15 Years</u>	<u>11 Years</u>

**Part 2: Give Details About Monthly Income**

**Estimate monthly income as of the date you file this form.** If you have nothing to report for any line, write \$0 in the space. Include your non-filing spouse unless you are separated.

If you or your non-filing spouse have more than one employer, combine the information for all employers for that person on the lines below. If you need more space, attach a separate sheet to this form.

	For Debtor 1	For Debtor 2 or non-filing spouse
2. <b>List monthly gross wages, salary and commissions</b> (before all payroll deductions). If not paid monthly, calculate what the monthly wage would be.	<u>\$6,260.24</u>	<u>\$3,953.44</u>
3. <b>Estimate and list monthly overtime pay.</b>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
4. <b>Calculate gross income.</b> Add line 2 + line 3.	<b>\$6,260.24</b>	<b>\$3,953.44</b>

Debtor 1 Michael Edward Gaston  
First Name Middle Name Last Name

Case Number (if known)

	For Debtor 1	For Debtor 2 or non-filing spouse
Copy line 4 here . . . . .	4. <b>\$6,260.24</b>	<b>\$3,953.44</b>
5. List all payroll deductions:		
5a. Tax, Medicare, and Social Security deductions	5a. \$1,825.81	\$1,049.92
5b. Mandatory contributions for retirement plans	5b. \$0.00	\$0.00
5c. Voluntary contributions for retirement plans	5c. \$0.00	\$0.00
5d. Required repayments of retirement fund loans	5d. \$0.00	\$0.00
5e. Insurance	5e. \$156.00	\$0.00
5f. Domestic support obligations	5f. \$754.74	\$0.00
5g. Union dues	5g. \$102.74	\$0.00
5h. Other deductions. Specify: _____	5h. \$0.00	\$0.00
6. Add the payroll deductions. Add lines 5a + 5b + 5c + 5d + 5e + 5f + 5g + 5h.	6. \$2,839.29	\$1,049.92
7. Calculate total monthly take-home pay. Subtract line 6 from line 4.	7. <b>\$3,420.95</b>	<b>\$2,903.52</b>
8. List all other income regularly received:		
8a. Net income from rental property and from operating a business, profession, or farm Attach a statement for each property and business showing gross receipts, ordinary and necessary business expenses, and the total monthly net income.	8a. \$0.00	\$0.00
8b. Interest and dividends	8b. \$0.00	\$0.00
8c. Family support payments that you, a non-filing spouse, or a dependent regularly receive Include alimony, spousal support, child support, maintenance, divorce settlement, and property settlement.	8c. \$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
8d. Unemployment compensation	8d. \$0.00	\$0.00
8e. Social Security	8e. \$0.00	\$0.00
8f. Other government assistance that you regularly receive Include cash assistance and the value (if known) of any non-cash assistance that you receive, such as food stamps (benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) or housing subsidies. Specify: _____	8f. \$0.00	\$0.00
8g. Pension or retirement income	8g. \$0.00	\$0.00
8h. Other monthly income. Specify: _____	8h. \$0.00	\$0.00
9. Add all other income. Add lines 8a + 8b + 8c + 8d + 8e + 8f + 8g + 8h.	9. \$0.00	\$0.00
10. Calculate monthly income. Add line 7 + line 9. Add the entries in line 10 for Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 or non-filing spouse.	10. <b>\$3,420.95</b>	+ <b>\$2,903.52</b> = <b>\$6,324.47</b>
11. State all other regular contributions to the expenses that you list in Schedule J. Include contributions from an unmarried partner, members of your household, your dependents, your roommates, and other friends or relatives. Do not include any amounts already included in lines 2-10 or amounts that are not available to pay expenses listed in Schedule J. Specify: _____		11. \$0.00
12. Add the amount in the last column of line 10 to the amount in line 11. The result is the combined monthly income. Write that amount on the Summary of Schedules and Statistical Summary of Certain Liabilities and Related Data, if it applies		12. <b>\$6,324.47</b>
13. Do you expect an increase or decrease within the year after you file this form? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Explain: _____		

Fill in this information to identify your case:

Debtor 1 Michael Edward Gaston  
First Name Middle Name Last Name

Debtor 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Spouse, if filing) First Name Middle Name Last Name

United States Bankruptcy Court for the : NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

Case Number \_\_\_\_\_  
(If known)

Check if this is:

- ☐ An amended filing
- ☐ A supplement showing post-petition chapter 13 income as of the following date:

\_\_\_\_\_  
MM / DD / YYYY

- ☐ A separate filing for Debtor 2 because Debtor 2 maintains a separate household.

Official Form 106J

Schedule J: Your Expenses

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Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, attach another sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known). Answer every question.

Part 1: Describe Your Household

1. Is this a joint case?

- ☒ No. Go to line 2.
- ☐ Yes. Does Debtor 2 live in a separate household?
- ☐ No.
- ☐ Yes. Debtor 2 must file a separate Schedule J.

2. Do you have dependents?

- ☐ No
- ☒ Yes. Fill out this information for each dependent.....

Do not list Debtor 1 and Debtor 2.

Do not state the dependents' names.

Dependent's relationship to Debtor 1 or Debtor 2

Dependent's age

Does dependent live with you?

Daughter

21

- ☐ No
- ☒ Yes

Son

15

- ☐ No
- ☒ Yes

Daughter

18

- ☐ No
- ☒ Yes

- ☒ No
- ☐ Yes

- ☒ No
- ☐ Yes

3. Do your expenses include expenses of people other than yourself and your dependents?

- ☒ No
- ☐ Yes

Part 2: Estimate Your Ongoing Monthly Expenses

Estimate your expenses as of your bankruptcy filing date unless you are using this form as a supplement in a Chapter 13 case to report expenses as of a date after the bankruptcy is filed. If this is a supplemental *Schedule J*, check the box at the top of the form and fill in the applicable date.

Include expenses paid for with non-cash government assistance if you know the value of such assistance and have included it on *Schedule I: Your Income* (Official Form 106I.)

Your expenses

4. The rental or home ownership expenses for your residence. Include first mortgage payments and any rent for the ground or lot.

4. \$1,851.92

If not included in line 4:

4a. Real estate taxes

4a. \$0.00

4b. Property, homeowner's, or renter's insurance

4b. \$0.00

4c. Home maintenance, repair, and upkeep expenses

4c. \$100.00

4d. Homeowner's association or condominium dues

4d. \$0.00

Debtor 1 Michael Edward Gaston  
First Name Middle Name Last Name

Case Number (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

		Your expenses
5.	<b>Additional Mortgage payments for your residence</b> , such as home equity loans	5. \$0.00
6.	<b>Utilities:</b>	
6a.	Electricity, heat, natural gas	6a. \$225.00
6b.	Water, sewer, garbage collection	6b. \$115.00
6c.	Telephone, cell phone, internet, satellite, and cable service	6c. \$400.00
6d.	Other. Specify: _____	6d. \$ 0.00
7.	<b>Food and housekeeping supplies</b>	7. \$600.00
8.	<b>Childcare and children's education costs</b>	8. \$0.00
9.	<b>Clothing, laundry, and dry cleaning</b>	9. \$165.00
10.	<b>Personal care products and services</b>	10. \$165.00
11.	<b>Medical and dental expenses</b>	11. \$100.00
12.	<b>Transportation.</b> Include gas, maintenance, bus or train fare. Do not include car payments.	12. \$550.00
13.	<b>Entertainment, clubs, recreation, newspapers, magazines, and books</b>	13. \$25.00
14.	<b>Charitable contributions and religious donations</b>	14. \$100.00
15.	<b>Insurance.</b> Do not include insurance deducted from your pay or included in lines 4 or 20.	
15a.	Life insurance	15a. \$0.00
15b.	Health insurance	15b. \$0.00
15c.	Vehicle insurance	15c. \$275.00
15d.	Other insurance. Specify: _____	15d. \$0.00
16.	<b>Taxes.</b> Do not include taxes deducted from your pay or included in lines 4 or 20. Specify: _____	16. \$0.00
17.	<b>Installment or lease payments:</b>	
17a.	Car payments for Vehicle 1	17a. \$0.00
17b.	Car payments for Vehicle 2	17b. \$0.00
17c.	Other. Specify: _____	17c. \$0.00
17d.	Other. Specify: _____	17d. \$0.00
18.	<b>Your payments of alimony, maintenance, and support that you did not report as deducted from your pay on line 5, Schedule I, Your Income (Official Form 106I).</b>	18. \$0.00
19.	<b>Other payments you make to support others who do not live with you.</b> Specify: _____	19. \$0.00
20.	<b>Other real property expenses not included in lines 4 or 5 of this form or on Schedule I: Your Income.</b>	
20a.	Mortgages on other property	20a. \$ 0.00
20b.	Real estate taxes	20b. \$ 0.00
20c.	Property, homeowner's, or renter's insurance	20c. \$ 0.00
20d.	Maintenance, repair, and upkeep expenses	20d. \$ 0.00
20e.	Homeowner's association or condominium dues	20e. \$ 0.00

Debtor 1 Michael Edward Gaston Case Number (if known) \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name Middle Name Last Name

21. <b>Other.</b> Specify: _____	21.	\$0.00
22.. <b>Your monthly expense:</b> Add lines 4 through 21. The result is your monthly expenses.	22.	\$4,671.92
23. <b>Calculate your monthly net income.</b>		
23a. Copy line 12 (your combined monthly income) from <i>Schedule I</i> .	23a.	\$6,324.47
23b. Copy your monthly expenses from line 22 above.	23b. -	\$4,671.92
23c. Subtract your monthly expenses from your monthly income. The result is your <i>monthly net income</i> .	23c.	\$1,652.55
24. <b>Do you expect an increase or decrease in your expenses within the year after you file this form?</b> For example, do you expect to finish paying for your car loan within the year or do you expect your mortgage payment to increase or decrease because of a modification to the terms of your mortgage?		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Explain Here:		

Fill in this information to identify your case:

Debtor 1 Michael Edward Gaston  
First Name Middle Name Last Name

Debtor 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Spouse, if filing) First Name Middle Name Last Name

United States Bankruptcy Court for the : NORTHERN District of ILLINOIS  
(State)

Case Number \_\_\_\_\_  
(If known)

☐ Check if this is an amended filing

Official Form 106 Dec

Declaration About an Individual Debtor's Schedules

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If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information.

You must file this form whenever you file bankruptcy schedules or amended schedules. Making a false statement, concealing property, or obtaining money or property by fraud in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$250,000, or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

Sign Below

Did you pay or agree to pay someone who is NOT an attorney to help you fill out bankruptcy forms?

☒ No

☐ Yes. Name of Person \_\_\_\_\_.

Attach *Bankruptcy Petition Preparer's Notice, Declaration, and Signature* (Official Form 119).

Under penalty of perjury, I declare that I have read the summary and schedules filed with this declaration and that they are true and correct.

**X** /s/ Michael Edward Gaston, Sr.  
Signature of Debtor 1

**X** \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Debtor 2

Date 10/21/2016  
MM / DD / YYYY

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
MM / DD / YYYY



Fill in this information to identify your case:

Debtor 1 Michael Edward Gaston  
First Name Middle Name Last Name

Debtor 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Spouse, if filing) First Name Middle Name Last Name

United States Bankruptcy Court for the : NORTHERN District of ILLINOIS  
(State)

Case Number \_\_\_\_\_  
(If known)

☐ Check if this is an amended filing

## Official Form 107

### Statement of Financial Affairs for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy

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Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known). Answer every question.

**Part 1:** Give Details About Your Marital Status and Where You Lived Before

01. What is your current marital status?

- ☒ Married  
☐ Not married

02 During the last 3 years, have you lived anywhere other than where you live now?

- ☒ No.  
☐ Yes. List all of the places you lived in the last 3 years. Do not include where you live now.

Debtor 1

Dates Debtor 1  
lived there

Debtor 2:

Dates Debtor 2  
lived there

03 Within the last 8 years, did you ever live with a spouse or legal equivalent in a community property state or territory? (Community property states and territories include Arizona, California, Idaho, Louisiana, Nevada, New Mexico, Puerto Rico, Texas, Washington, and Wisconsin.)

- ☒ No.  
☐ Yes. Make sure you fill out Schedule H: Your Codebtors (Official Form 106H).

**Part 2:** Explain the Sources of Your Income

Debtor 1 Michael Edward Gaston Case Number (if known)

First Name Middle Name Last Name

04 Did you have any income from employment or from operating a business during this year or the two previous calendar years?

Fill in the total amount of income you received from all jobs and all businesses, including part-time activities. If you are filing a joint case and you have income that you receive together, list it only once under Debtor 1.

- ☐ No.  
☒ Yes. Fill in the details

	Debtor 1 Sources of income Check all that apply	Gross income (before deductions and exclusions)	Debtor 2 Sources of income Check all that apply	Gross income (before deductions and exclusions)
From January 1 of current year until the date you filed for bankruptcy:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wages, commissions, bonuses, tips <input type="checkbox"/> Operating a business	\$58,132	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wages, commissions, bonuses, tips <input type="checkbox"/> Operating a business	\$28,640
For last calendar year: (January 1 to December 31, 2015)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wages, commissions, bonuses, tips <input type="checkbox"/> Operating a business	\$71,198	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wages, commissions, bonuses, tips <input type="checkbox"/> Operating a business	\$45,000 (est)
For the calendar year before that: (January 1 to December 31, 2014)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wages, commissions, bonuses, tips <input type="checkbox"/> Operating a business	\$70,000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wages, commissions, bonuses, tips <input type="checkbox"/> Operating a business	\$45,000 (est)

05 Did you receive any other income during this year or the two previous calendar years?

Include income regardless of whether that income is taxable. Examples of other income are alimony; child support; Social Security, unemployment, and other public benefit payments; pensions; rental income; interest; dividends; money collected from lawsuits; royalties; and gambling and lottery winnings. If you are filing a joint case and you have income that you received together, list it only once under Debtor 1.

List each source and the gross income from each source separately. Do not include income that you listed in line 4.

- ☒ No.  
☐ Yes. Fill in the details

Debtor 1 Sources of income Describe below.	Gross income (before deductions and exclusions)	Debtor 2 Sources of income Describe below.	Gross income (before deductions and exclusions)

Part 3: List Certain Payments You Made Before You Filed for Bankruptcy

Debtor 1 Michael Edward Gaston  
First Name Middle Name Last Name

Case Number (if known)

06 Are either Debtor 1's or Debtor 2's debts primarily consumer debts?

☐ No. **Neither Debtor 1 nor Debtor 2 has primarily consumer debts.** Consumer debts are defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(8) as "incurred by an individual primarily for a personal, family, or household purpose."

During the 90 days before you filed for bankruptcy, did you pay any creditor a total of \$6,225\* or more?

☐ No. Go to line 7.

☐ Yes. List below each creditor to whom you paid a total of \$6,225\* or more in one or more payments and the total amount you paid that creditor. Do not include payments for domestic support obligations, such as child support and alimony. Also, do not include payments to an attorney for this bankruptcy case.

\* Subject to adjustment on 4/01/16 and every 3 years after that for cases filed on or after the date of adjustment.

☒ Yes. **Debtor 1 or Debtor 2 or both have primarily consumer debts.**

During the 90 days before you filed for bankruptcy, did you pay any creditor a total of \$600 or more?

☒ No. Go to line 7.

☐ Yes. List below each creditor to whom you paid a total of \$600 or more and the total amount you paid that creditor. Do not include payments for domestic support obligations, such as child support and alimony. Also, do not include payments to an attorney for this bankruptcy case.

Dates of payments	Total amount paid	Amount you still owe	Was this payment for...
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07 Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, did you make a payment on a debt you owed anyone who was an insider?

Insiders include your relatives; any general partners; relatives of any general partners; partnerships of which you are a general partner; corporations of which you are an officer, director, person in control, or owner of 20% or more of their voting securities; and any managing agent, including one for a business you operate as a sole proprietor. 11 U.S.C. § 101. Include payments for domestic support obligations, such as child support and alimony.

☒ No.

☐ Yes. List all payments to an insider.

Dates of payment	Total amount paid	Amount you still owe	Reason for this payment
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08 Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, did you make any payments or transfer any property on account of a debt that benefited an insider?

Include payments on debts guaranteed or cosigned by an insider.

☒ No.

☐ Yes. List all payments to an insider.

Dates of payment	Total amount paid	Amount you still owe	Reason for this payment Include creditor's name
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**Part 4: Identify Legal actions, Repossessions, and Foreclosures**

09 Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, were you a party in any lawsuit, court action, or administrative proceeding?

List all such matters, including personal injury cases, small claims actions, divorces, collection suits, paternity actions, support or custody modifications, and contract disputes.

☐ No.

☒ Yes. Fill in the details.

Nature of the case	Court or agency	Status of the case
Deutsche Bk VS Michael Gaston	Cook County Circuit Court	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pending
Case No. 15CH1003		<input type="checkbox"/> On appeal
		<input type="checkbox"/> Concluded

Debtor 1 Michael Edward Gaston Case Number (if known)

First Name Middle Name Last Name

- 10 Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, was any of your property repossessed, foreclosed, garnished, attached, seized, or levied? Check all that apply and fill in the details below.
- ☒ No. Go to line 11
- ☐ Yes. Fill in the information below.
- 11 Within 90 days before you filed for bankruptcy, did any creditor, including a bank or financial institution, set off any amounts from your accounts or refuse to make a payment because you owed a debt?
- ☒ No. Go to line 11
- ☐ Yes. Fill in the information below.
- 12 Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, was any of your property in the possession of an assignee for the benefit of creditors, a court-appointed receiver, a custodian, or another official?
- ☒ No.
- ☐ Yes.

**Part 5: List Certain Gifts and Contributions**

- 13 Within 2 years before you filed for bankruptcy, did you give any gifts with a total value of more than \$600 per person?
- ☒ No.
- ☐ Yes. Fill in the details for each gift.
- 14 Within 2 years before you filed for bankruptcy, did you give any gifts or contributions with a total value of more than \$600 to any charity?
- ☐ No.
- ☒ Yes. Fill in the details for each gift.

Gifts or contributions to charities that total more than \$600	Describe what you contributed	Date you contributed	Value
<u>New Mt Olive Baptist Church</u>		Monthly	<u>\$100</u>
<u>15643 S Wood St, Harvey, IL 60426</u>			
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**Part 6: List Certain Losses**

- 15 Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy or since you filed for bankruptcy, did you lose anything because of theft, fire, other disaster, or gambling?
- ☒ No.
- ☐ Yes. Fill in the details for each gift.

**Part 7: List Certain Payments or Transfers**

- 16 Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, did you or anyone else acting on your behalf pay or transfer any property to anyone you consulted about seeking bankruptcy or preparing a bankruptcy petition? Include any attorneys, bankruptcy petition preparers, or credit counseling agencies for services required in your bankruptcy.

- ☐ No.
- ☒ Yes. Fill in the details

Party Contact Info	Description and value of any property transferred	Date payment or transfer	Amount of payment
<u>Geraci Law L.L.C.</u>			Payment/Value:
<u>55 E. Monroe Street #3400</u>			<u>\$4,000.00: \$0.00</u>
<u>Chicago, IL 60603</u>			paid prior to filing,
<u></u>			balance to be paid
			through the plan.

17 **Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, did you or anyone else acting on your behalf pay or transfer any property to anyone who promised to help you deal with your creditors or to make payments to your creditors?**  
Do not include any payment or transfer that you listed on line 16.

☐ No.

☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

18 **Within 2 years before you filed for bankruptcy, did you sell, trade, or otherwise transfer any property to anyone, other than property transferred in the ordinary course of your business or financial affairs?**  
Include both outright transfers and transfers made as security (such as the granting of a security interest or mortgage on your property).  
Do not include gifts and transfers that you have already listed on this statement.

☐ No.

☐ Yes. Fill in the details for each gift.

19 **Within 10 years before you filed for bankruptcy, did you transfer any property to a self-settled trust or similar device of which you are a beneficiary? (These are often called asset-protection devices.)**

☐ No.

☐ Yes. Fill in the details for each gift.

20 Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, were any financial accounts or instruments held in your name, or for your benefit, closed, sold, moved, or transferred?  
Include checking, savings, money market, or other financial accounts; certificates of deposit; shares in banks, credit unions, brokerage houses, pension funds, cooperatives, associations, and other financial institutions.

Last 4 digits of account number	Type of account or instrument	Date account was closed, sold, moved, or transferred	Last balance before closing or transfer
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Who else had access to it?	Describe the contents	Do you still have it?

Who else has or had access to it?	Describe the contents	Do you still have it?

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Debtor 1 Michael Edward Gaston Case Number (if known) \_\_\_\_\_  
 First Name Middle Name Last Name

23 Do you hold or control any property that someone else owns? Include any property you borrowed from, are storing for, or hold in trust for someone.

- ☒ No.  
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Where is the property?	Describe the property	Value
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**Part 10: Give Details About Environmental Information**

For the purpose of Part 10, the following definitions apply:

- ☒ Environmental law means any federal, state, or local statute or regulation concerning pollution, contamination, releases of hazardous or toxic substances, wastes, or material into the air, land, soil, surface water, groundwater, or other medium, including statutes or regulations controlling the cleanup of these substances, wastes, or material.
- ☒ Site means any location, facility, or property as defined under any environmental law, whether you now own, operate, or utilize it or used to own, operate, or utilize it, including disposal sites.
- ☒ Hazardous material means anything an environmental law defines as a hazardous waste, hazardous substance, toxic substance, hazardous material, pollutant, contaminant, or similar term.

Report all notices, releases, and proceedings that you know about, regardless of when they occurred.

24 Has any governmental unit notified you that you may be liable or potentially liable under or in violation of an environmental law?

- ☒ No.  
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Governmental unit	Environmental law, if you know it	Date of notice
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25 Have you notified any governmental unit of any release of hazardous material?

- ☒ No.  
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Governmental unit	Environmental law, if you know it	Date of notice
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26 Have you been a party in any judicial or administrative proceeding under any environmental law? Include settlements and orders.

- ☒ No.  
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Court or agency	Nature of the case	Status of the case
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**Part 11: Give Details About Your Business or Connections to Any Business**

27 Within 4 years before you filed for bankruptcy, did you own a business or have any of the following connections to any business?

- ☐ A sole proprietor or self-employed in a trade, profession, or other activity, either full-time or part-time
- ☐ A member of a limited liability company (LLC) or limited liability partnership (LLP)
- ☐ A partner in a partnership
- ☐ An officer, director, or managing executive of a corporation
- ☐ An owner of at least 5% of the voting or equity securities of a corporation

- ☒ No. None of the above applies. Go to Part 12.  
☐ Yes. Check all that apply above and fill in the details below for each business.

28 Within 2 years before you filed for bankruptcy, did you give a financial statement to anyone about your business? Include all financial institutions, creditors, or other parties.

- ☒ No.  
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Date issued
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Debtor 1 Michael Edward Gaston Case Number (if known) \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name Middle Name Last Name

**Part 12: Sign Below**

I have read the answers on this Statement of Financial Affairs and any attachments, and I declare under penalty of perjury that the answers are true and correct. I understand that making a false statement, concealing property, or obtaining money or property by fraud in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$250,000, or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

**X** /s/ Michael Edward Gaston, Sr. \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Debtor 1

**X** \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Debtor 2

Date 10/21/2016  
MM / DD / YYYY

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
MM / DD / YYYY

Did you attach additional pages to *Your Statement of Financial Affairs for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy* (Official Form 107)?

☒ No  
☐ Yes

Did you pay or agree to pay someone who is not an attorney to help you fill out bankruptcy forms?

☒ No  
☐ Yes. Name of person \_\_\_\_\_. Attach the *Bankruptcy Petition Preparer's Notice, Declaration, and Signature* (Official Form 119).

United States Bankruptcy Court  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

In re

Michael Edward Gaston Sr. / Debtor

Case No:

Chapter: **Chapter 13**

**DISCLOSURE OF COMPENSATION OF ATTORNEY FOR DEBTOR**

1. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 329(a) and Fed. Bankr. P. 2016(b), I certify that I am the attorney for the above named debtor(s) and that compensation paid to me within one year before the filing of the petition in bankruptcy, or agreed to be paid to me, for services rendered or to be rendered on behalf of the debtor(s) in contemplation of or in connection with the bankruptcy case is as follows:

For legal services, I have agreed to accept	<b>\$4,000.00</b>
Prior to the filing of this statement I have received	<b>\$0.00</b>
Balance Due	<b>\$4,000.00</b>

2. The source of the compensation paid to me was:

☒ Debtor(s) ☐ Other: (specify

3. The source of compensation to be paid to me is:

☒ Debtor(s) ☐ Other: (specify

4. ☒ I have not agreed to share the above-disclosed compensation with any other person unless they are members and associates of my law firm.

☐ I have agreed to share the above-disclosed compensation with a other person or persons who are not members or associates of my law firm. A copy of the agreement, together with a list of the names of the people sharing in the compensation, is attached.

5. In return for the above-disclosed fee, I have agreed to render legal service for all aspects of the bankruptcy case, including:

- Analysis of the debtor's financial situation, and rendering advice to the debtor in determining whether to file a petition in bankruptcy;
- Preparation and filing of any petition, schedules, statements of affairs and plan which may be required;
- Representation of the debtor at the meeting of creditors and confirmation hearing, and any adjourned hearings thereof;
- Representation of the debtor in adversary proceedings and other contested bankruptcy matters;
- [Other provisions as needed]

6. By agreement with the debtor(s), the above-disclosed fee does not include the following service:

**CERTIFICATION**

I certify that the foregoing is a complete statement of any agreement or arrangement for payment to me for representation of the debtor(s) in this bankruptcy proceedings.

Date: 10/27/2016

/s/ Merid Teklehaimanot Mekonnen

Date

Signature of Attorney

Geraci Law L.L.C.

Name of law firm



**Geraci Law L.L.C.**

National Headquarters: 55 E. Monroe Street, #3400 Chicago, IL 60603 1-866-925-1313 help@geracilaw.com



Date: 10/19/2016

Consultation Attorney: SAL

Record #: 721-460

**Attorney - Client Agreement**

The undersigned hires Geraci Law L.L.C. and its associated attorneys for representation in a Chapter 13 bankruptcy under the following terms and conditions. I have signed and received a copy the "Court Approved Retention Agreement" (CARA) between Chapter 13 Debtors and their Attorneys as established by the Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois, and any terms that conflict with it are null and void. I understand I must comply with those terms. Attorney fees for filed Chapter 13 Bankruptcy shall be the fee stated in the CARA. I have received the 11U.S.C § 527(a) disclosures. I have been advised of my chapter 7 alternative and choose to file Chapter 13 instead even though it usually costs more. More than one attorney and paralegal will work on my case.

**FEES:** This does NOT INCLUDE court filing fees of \$310, costs for credit counseling or financial management classes. Any amount not paid prior to the case being filed shall be paid through the Chapter 13 Trustee. These fees are fixed, but the attorneys may apply to the court for additional fees if allowed by the CARA or other circumstances, such as extended evidentiary hearings, contested adversary proceedings or appeals. If the Court awards additional fees, they will also be paid through the Chapter 13 Trustee. Fees are "flat fees" and "advance payment retainers" for pre-filing and pre-confirmation work, become property of this firm on payment, and are deposited into the firm's operating account. Payments are applied to the "flat fee". If this contract is terminated by either party prior to the filing of the case, we will submit any dispute to binding arbitration within 30 days. If I close my file or breach this contract I agree to pay for the work done to that time. I assign to my attorney all amounts tendered as filing fees or court costs and authorize my attorney to transfer said funds from his trust account to his operating account in payment of all outstanding fees owed by me if case is not filed.

**No other work:** Geraci Law is not representing me in state or other courts regarding creditors in my bankruptcy. Any state court action not stopped by the Automatic Stay of a filed bankruptcy is my responsibility.

**Injury or other claims or property** I must disclose any such claims or property I now have or acquire after filing Chapter 13 to both the Chapter 13 trustee and to the court in a filed amendment and obtain authority to keep them or pay those claims to the Trustee.

**PLAN:** The plan payment is estimated to be 1150 per month for 60 months. The payment and length of the plan are based on the information I have provided, including income, expenses, assets and debts. If these amounts are not accurate, my plan payment or duration may need to be increased. In addition, the Court, Chapter 13 Trustee or creditors could object to my proposed Chapter 13 payment, which may cause it to increase. I further understand that if my income or expenses change during my Chapter 13, my plan payment may have to change. I agree to read my petition and plan and study it before signing it so I know what is included, INCLUDING what I am listing as debts, what my property is, what my assets are and if they are claimed as exempt, and to make full disclosure.

**My plan payment DOES include** the following, unless stated otherwise: mortgage arrears; association arrears; vehicles; tax debt; support obligations that are post due (but not future) parking tickets (not traffic fines); debts pursuant to a divorce decree/marital settlement you listed; other secured debts including furniture, electronics, etc.; all other unsecured debts; other:

**My plan payment does NOT include** future mortgage, rent, condo fees and support payments; criminal fines/court fees; rent/lease arrears; student loan principal and interest unless 100% planned to unsecured creditors, sold property taxes; debts incurred after the case is filed, including any association fees as long as the property is in my name; other:

**Student loans:** are usually NEVER paid 100% in a Chapter 13, but are paid the same percentage as unsecured creditors without interest, so my student loans will CONTINUE to accrue interest, and if I don't pay them directly they will be even larger at the end of the plan, so I have been told about this and I will deal with my student loans myself directly

**Debts not discharged** if they not paid in full: student loans; educational debts; unfilled or late filed tax debts; undisclosed debts; support/maintenance debts; debts incurred by fraud, or debts listed in your red folder or found non-dischargeable by a Judge.

**Representation limited to Bankruptcy Court** We do not represent you in state court, or in loan modifications or similar matters.

**If I am eligible to receive a tax refund during my Chapter 13,** I understand I must turn it over to the Chapter 13 Trustee unless I am specifically advised that I do not need to. This may change on a yearly basis, so I must check with my attorneys every year. I also understand that if I receive any significant sums of money other than through employment, including but not limited to life insurance proceeds, workers compensation award, personal injury or other court settlement, I MUST notify my attorney immediately and I may have to pay some or all of the funds into my Chapter 13 plan.

I cannot transfer any property or incur any credit or debt without the express permission of my attorney or the Court and I must make full disclosure of all income, expenses, debts and assets in my initial consultation and on my bankruptcy petition. If I fail to remain current in a domestic support obligation, fail to certify to the Court that I have remained current, or if I fail to take my financial management class, that my case may be closed without a discharge, and I will be required to pay a fee to have it reopened.

Michael Gaston  
Michael Gaston (Debtor)

X  
(Joint Debtor)

X Merid McKonnen  
Attorney for the Debtor(s)

Representing Geraci Law L.L.C.

X dated 10-19-16

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

**RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
CHAPTER 13 DEBTORS AND THEIR ATTORNEYS**

**(Court-Approved Retention Agreement, Use for cases filed on or after September 19, 2016)**

Chapter 13 gives debtors important rights, such as the right to keep property that could otherwise be lost through repossession or foreclosure, but Chapter 13 also puts burdens on debtors, such as the burden of making complete and truthful disclosures of their financial situation. It is important for debtors who file a Chapter 13 bankruptcy case to understand their rights and responsibilities in bankruptcy. In this connection, the advice of an attorney is often crucial. Debtors are entitled to certain services from their attorneys, but debtors also have responsibilities to their attorneys. In order to assure that debtors and their attorneys understand their rights and responsibilities in the Chapter 13 process, the judges of the Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois have approved this agreement, setting out the rights and responsibilities of both debtors in Chapter 13 and their attorneys, including how their attorneys will be paid for their services in the Chapter 13 case. By signing this agreement, debtors and their attorneys accept these responsibilities.

The Bankruptcy Code may require a debtor's attorney to provide the debtor with certain documents and agreements at the start of the representation. The terms of this court-approved agreement take the place of any conflicting provision in an earlier agreement. This agreement cannot be modified in any way by other agreements. Any provision of another agreement between the debtors and the attorney that conflicts with this agreement is void.

***A. BEFORE THE CASE IS FILED***

**THE DEBTOR AGREES TO:**

1. Discuss with the attorney the debtor's objectives in filing the case.
2. Provide the attorney with full, accurate and timely information, financial and otherwise, including properly documented proof of income.

**THE ATTORNEY AGREES TO**

1. Personally counsel the debtor regarding the advisability of filing either a Chapter 13 or a Chapter 7 case, discuss both procedures (as well as non-bankruptcy options) with the debtor, and answer the debtor's questions.
2. Personally explain to the debtor that the attorney is being engaged to represent the debtor on all matters arising in the case, as required by Local Bankruptcy Rule, and explain how and when the attorney's fees and the trustee's fees are determined and paid.



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3. Personally review with the debtor and sign the completed petition, plan, statements, and schedules, as well as all amendments thereto, whether filed with the petition or later. (The schedules may be initially prepared with the help of clerical or paralegal staff of the attorney's office, but personal attention of the attorney is required for the review and signing.)

4. Timely prepare and file the debtor's petition, plan, statements, and schedules.
5. Explain to the debtor how, when, and where to make all necessary payments, including both payments that must be made directly to creditors and payments that must be made to the Chapter 13 trustee, with particular attention to housing and vehicle payments.
6. Advise the debtor of the need to maintain appropriate insurance.

#### ***B. AFTER THE CASE IS FILED***

##### **THE DEBTOR AGREES TO:**

1. Make the required payments to the trustee and to whatever creditors are being paid directly, or, if required payments cannot be made, to notify the attorney immediately.
2. Appear punctually at the meeting of creditors (also called the "341 meeting") with recent proof of income and a picture identification card. (If the identification card does not include the debtor's social security number, the debtor must also bring to the meeting a social security card.) The debtor must be present in time for check-in and when the case is called for the actual examination.
3. Notify the attorney of any change in the debtor's address or telephone number.
4. Inform the attorney of any wage garnishments or liens or levies on assets that occur or continue after the filing of the case.
5. Contact the attorney immediately if the debtor loses employment, has a significant change in income, or experiences any other significant change in financial situation (such as serious illness, marriage, divorce or separation, lottery winnings, or an inheritance).
6. Notify the attorney if the debtor is sued or wishes to file a lawsuit (including divorce.)
7. Inform the attorney if any tax refunds to which the debtor is entitled are seized or not received when due from the IRS or Illinois Department of Revenue.
8. Contact the attorney before buying, refinancing, or selling real property, and before entering into any loan agreement.
9. Supply the attorney with copies of all tax returns filed while the case is pending.

##### **THE ATTORNEY AGREES TO**

1. Advise the debtor of the requirement to attend the meeting of creditors, and notify the debtor of the date, time, and place of the meeting.



2. Inform the debtor that the debtor must be punctual and, in the case of a joint filing, that both spouses must appear at the same meeting.
3. Provide knowledgeable legal representation for the debtor at the meeting of creditors (in time for check-in and the actual examination) and, unless excused by the trustee, for the confirmation hearing.
4. If the attorney will be employing another attorney to attend the 341 meeting or any court hearing, personally explain to the debtor in advance, the role and identity of the other attorney and provide the other attorney with the file in sufficient time to review it and properly represent the debtor.
5. Timely submit to the Chapter 13 trustee properly documented proof of income for the debtor, including business reports for self-employed debtors.
6. Timely respond to objections to plan confirmation and, where necessary, prepare, file, and serve an amended plan.
7. Timely prepare, file, and serve any necessary statements, amended statements, and schedules and any change of address, in accordance with information provided by the debtor.
8. Monitor all incoming case information (including, but not limited to, Order Confirming Plan, Notice of Intent to Pay Claims, and 6-month status reports) for accuracy and completeness. Contact the trustee promptly regarding any discrepancies.
9. Be available to respond to the debtor's questions throughout the term of the plan.
10. Prepare, file, and serve timely modifications to the plan after confirmation, when necessary, including modifications to suspend, lower, or increase plan payments.
11. Prepare, file, and serve necessary motions to buy or sell property and to incur debt.
12. Object to improper or invalid claims.
13. Timely respond to the Chapter 13 trustee's motions to dismiss the case, such as for payment default, or unfeasibility, and to motions to increase the percentage payment to unsecured creditors.
14. Timely respond to motions for relief from stay.
15. Prepare, file, and serve all appropriate motions to avoid liens.
16. Prepare, file, and serve a notice of conversion to Chapter 7, pursuant to § 1307 (a) of the Bankruptcy Code and Local Bankruptcy Rule 1017-1.
17. Provide any other legal services necessary for the administration of the case.



**C. TERMINATION OR CONVERSION OF THE CASE AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER APPROVING FEES AND EXPENSES**

1. Approved fees and expenses paid under the provisions set out below are generally not refundable in the event that the case is dismissed prior to its completion, unless the dismissal is due to a failure by the attorney to comply with the duties set out in this agreement. If such a dismissal is due to a failure by the attorney, the court may order a refund of fees on motion by the debtor.
2. If the case is dismissed after approval of the fees and expenses but before payment of all allowed fees and expenses, the order entered by the Bankruptcy Court allowing the fees and expenses is not a judgment against the debtor for the unpaid fees and expenses based on contract law or otherwise.
3. If the case is converted to a case under chapter 7 after approval of the fees and expenses under this agreement but before the payment of all fees and expenses, the attorney will be entitled to an administrative claim in the chapter 7 case for any unpaid fees and expenses, pursuant to section 726(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, plus any conversion fee the attorney pays on behalf of the debtor.

**D. RETAINERS AND PREVIOUS PAYMENTS**

1. The attorney may receive a retainer or other payment before filing the case but may not receive fees directly from the debtor after the filing of the case. Unless the following provision is checked and completed, any retainer received by the attorney will be treated as a security retainer, to be placed in the attorney's client trust account until approval of a fee application by the court.



The attorney seeks to have the retainer received by the attorney treated as an advance payment retainer, which allows the attorney to take the retainer into income immediately. The attorney hereby provides the following further information and representations:

- (a) The special purpose for the advance payment retainer and why it is advantageous to the debtor is as follows: purpose: provide some money for attorney without waiting 6 months. Advantage to debtor: costs client less by reducing administrative expense and encouraging efficiency rather than charging by hour and submitting bills.
- (b) The retainer will not be held in a client trust account and will become property of the attorney upon payment and will be deposited into the attorney's general account;
- (c) The retainer is a flat fee for the services to be rendered during the chapter 13 case and will be applied for such services without the need for the attorney to keep detailed hourly time records for the specific services performed for the debtor;



- (d) Any portion of the retainer that is not earned Page 46 of 58  
the client; and
- (e) The attorney is unwilling to represent the debtor without receiving an advanced payment retainer because of the nature of the chapter 13 case, the fact that the great majority of services for such case are performed prior to its filing, and the risks associated with the representation of debtors in bankruptcy cases in general.

2. In any application for compensation the attorney must disclose to the court any fees or other compensation paid by the debtor to the attorney for any reason within the one year before the case filing.

#### ***E. CONDUCT AND DISCHARGE***

1. Improper conduct by the attorney. If the debtor disputes the sufficiency or quality of the legal services provided or the amount of the fees charged by the attorney, the debtor may file an objection with the court and request a hearing.
2. Improper conduct by the debtor. If the attorney believes that the debtor is not complying with the debtor's responsibilities under this agreement or is otherwise engaging in improper conduct, the attorney may apply for a court order allowing the attorney to withdraw from the case.
3. *Discharge of the attorney.* The debtor may discharge the attorney at any time.

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**F. ALLOWANCE AND PAYMENT OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES**

1. Any attorney retained to represent a debtor in a Chapter 13 case is responsible for representing the debtor on all matters arising in the case unless otherwise ordered by the court. For all of the services outlined above, the attorney will be paid a flat fee of \$ 4,000.00

2. In addition, the debtor will pay the filing fee in the case and other expenses of \$ 310.00

3. Before signing this agreement, the attorney has received, \$ 0

toward the flat fee, leaving a balance due of \$ 4,000; and \$ 310 for expenses,

leaving a balance due for the filing fee of \$ 0

4. In extraordinary circumstances, such as extended evidentiary hearings or appeals, the attorney may apply to the court for additional compensation for these services. Any such application must be accompanied by an itemization of the services rendered, showing the date, the time expended, and the identity of the attorney performing the services. The debtor must be served with a copy of the application and notified of the right to appear in court to object.

X Date: 10/19/16

Signed:

X [Signature]  
Debtor(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Co-Debtor(s)

[Signature]  
Attorney for the Debtor(s)

Do not sign this agreement if the amounts are blank.



**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT**

**NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION**

In re

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Bankruptcy Docket #:

Judge:

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**NOTICE TO CONSUMER DEBTOR(S) UNDER §342(b)  
OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE**

In accordance with § 342(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, this notice to individuals with primarily consumer debts: (1) Describes briefly the services available from credit counseling services; (2) Describes briefly the purposes, benefits and costs of the four types of bankruptcy proceedings you may commence; and (3) Informs you about bankruptcy crimes and notifies you that the Attorney General may examine all information you supply in connection with a bankruptcy case.

You are cautioned that bankruptcy law is complicated and not easily described. Thus, you may wish to seek the advice of an attorney to learn of your rights and responsibilities should you decide to file a petition. Court employees cannot give you legal advice.

Notices from the bankruptcy court are sent to the mailing address you list on your bankruptcy petition. In order to ensure that you receive information about events concerning your case, Bankruptcy Rule 4002 requires that you notify the court of any changes in your address. If you are filing a **joint case** (a single bankruptcy case for two individuals married to each other), and each spouse lists the same mailing address on the bankruptcy petition, you and your spouse will generally receive a single copy of each notice mailed from the bankruptcy court in a jointly- addressed envelope, unless you file a statement with the court requesting that each spouse receive a separate copy of all notices.

**1. Services Available from Credit Counseling Agencies**

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Dated: 10/21/2016

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Dated: 10/27/2016

**/s/ Merid Teklehaimanot Mekonnen**

**Attorney: Merid Teklehaimanot Mekonnen**

Debtor 1 Michael Edward Gaston  
First Name Middle Name Last Name

Case Number (if known)

**Part 6: Answer These Questions for Reporting Purposes**

16. What kind of debts do you have?

16a. Are your debts primarily consumer debts? Consumer debts are defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(8) as "incurred by an individual primarily for a personal, family, or household purpose."

☐ No. Go to line 16b.  
☒ Yes. Go to line 17.

16b. Are your debts primarily business debts? Business debts are debts that you incurred to obtain money for a business or investment or through the operation of the business or investment.

☐ No. Go to line 16c.  
☐ Yes. Go to line 17.

16c. State the type of debts you owe that are not consumer debts or business debts

17. Are you filing under Chapter 7?

☒ No. I am not filing under Chapter 7. Go to line 18.

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☐ No.  
☐ Yes

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18. How many creditors do you estimate that you owe?

☒ 1-49  
☐ 50-99  
☐ 100-199  
☐ 200-999  
☐ 1,000-5,000  
☐ 5,001-10,000  
☐ 10,001-25,000  
☐ 25,001-50,000  
☐ 50,001-100,000  
☐ More than 100,000

19. How much do you estimate your assets to be worth?

☐ \$0-\$50,000  
☒ \$50,001-\$100,000  
☐ \$100,001-\$500,000  
☐ \$500,001-\$1 million  
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☐ \$0-\$50,000  
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☒ \$100,001-\$500,000  
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**Part 7: Sign Below**

For you

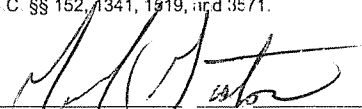
I have examined this petition, and I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided is true and correct.

If I have chosen to file under Chapter 7, I am aware that I may proceed, if eligible, under Chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code. I understand the relief available under each chapter, and I choose to proceed under Chapter 7.

If no attorney represents me and I did not pay or agree to pay someone who is not an attorney to help me fill out this document, I have obtained and read the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b).

I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.

I understand making a false statement, concealing property, or obtaining money or property by fraud in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$250,000, or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

x   
Signature of Debtor 1

x \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Debtor 2

Executed on 10/21/2016  
MM / DD / YYYY

Executed on \_\_\_\_\_  
MM / DD / YYYY

Fill in this information to identify your case:

Debtor 1 Michael Edward Gaston  
First Name Middle Name Last Name

Debtor 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Spouse, if filing) First Name Middle Name Last Name

United States Bankruptcy Court for the : NORTHERN District of ILLINOIS  
(State)

Case Number \_\_\_\_\_  
(If known)

☐ Check if this is an amended filing

Official Form 106 Dec

Declaration About an Individual Debtor's Schedules

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If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information.

You must file this form whenever you file bankruptcy schedules or amended schedules. Making a false statement, concealing property, or obtaining money or property by fraud in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$250,000, or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

Sign Below

Did you pay or agree to pay someone who is NOT an attorney to help you fill out bankruptcy forms?

☒ No

☐ Yes. Name of Person \_\_\_\_\_

Attach Bankruptcy Petition Preparer's Notice, Declaration, and Signature (Official Form 119).

Under penalty of perjury, I declare that I have read the summary and schedules filed with this declaration and that they are true and correct.

x Michael Gaston  
Signature of Debtor 1

x \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Debtor 2

Date 10/21/2016  
MM / DD / YYYY

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
MM / DD / YYYY

Debtor 1 Michael Edward Gaston  
First Name Middle Name Last Name

Case Number (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

**Part 11: Give Details About Your Business or Connections to Any Business**

27 Within 4 years before you filed for bankruptcy, did you own a business or have any of the following connections to any business?

- ☐ A sole proprietor or self-employed in a trade, profession, or other activity, either full-time or part-time  
☐ A member of a limited liability company (LLC) or limited liability partnership (LLP)  
☐ A partner in a partnership  
☐ An officer, director, or managing executive of a corporation  
☐ An owner of at least 5% of the voting or equity securities of a corporation

- ☒ No. None of the above applies. Go to Part 12.  
☐ Yes. Check all that apply above and fill in the details below for each business

28 Within 2 years before you filed for bankruptcy, did you give a financial statement to anyone about your business? Include all financial institutions, creditors, or other parties.

- ☒ No.  
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Date issued \_\_\_\_\_

**Part 12: Sign Below**

I have read the answers on this Statement of Financial Affairs and any attachments, and I declare under penalty of perjury that the answers are true and correct. I understand that making a false statement, concealing property, or obtaining money or property by fraud in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$250,000, or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

x Michael Edward Gaston  
Signature of Debtor 1

x \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Debtor 2

Date 10/21/2016  
MM / DD / YYYY

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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Did you attach additional pages to *Your Statement of Financial Affairs for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy* (Official Form 107)?

- ☒ No  
☐ Yes

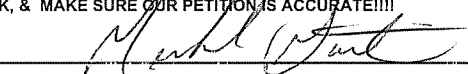
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- ☒ No  
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## DISCLAIMER Debtors have read and agree:

1. **Divorce or family support debts to a spouse, ex-spouse, child, guardian ad litem or similar person or entity** in connection with a separation agreement, divorce decree or court order are not dischargeable. Priority support debts must be paid in full in your Chapter 13 or it cannot be confirmed. **DEBTS YOU AGREED TO ASSUME IN MARITAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS ARE NON-DISCHARGEABLE** if your ex-spouse files an adversary complaint, and the Judge rules that (a) you do not have the ability to pay the debt OR (b) discharging such debt would result in a benefit to you that outweighs the detriment to ex-spouse or your child. You agree to get advice in writing from your divorce attorney and send to us with copy of agreement. You must list any ex-spouse or spouse as a creditor. No guarantee any divorce debt is dischargeable. Property you are still on title to, or have a right to in a divorce, may be taken by a Bankruptcy trustee in a Chapter 7 and sold, or may be disposable income in a 13.
2. **Student loans and educational benefits** are not discharged in Chapter 7 or 13 if government insured loan or owed to non-profit school unless you pay us to file a complaint within the bankruptcy to prove repayment would be an "undue hardship", and win. Interest on student loans continue to run while you are in a Chapter 13.
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4. **TAX DEBTS.** Most taxes are not discharged in bankruptcy. However, income tax debt (1040 type tax) can be discharged if the following four rules are met: (1). The tax return was DUE at least 3 YEARS (plus extensions) before the filing of your bankruptcy case. (2). You FILED your income tax return at least 2 YEARS before your bankruptcy was filed. (You did not file a return if the tax authority or IRS had to file one for you, or if you didn't send the return to the District Director) (3). You did not willfully intend to evade the tax. (4). The tax must have been ASSESSED over 240 DAYS before the bankruptcy filing. We recommend you meet with the IRS or state department of revenue to make sure all the conditions have been met, before you hire us or file a bankruptcy. Fraudulent taxes and taxes on unfilled returns can be discharged in a Chapter 13 case. Time in an offer in compromise, & time in bankruptcy plus 6 months, will extend the above time periods. Employers' share of FICA & FUTA is dischargeable, but not trust fund taxes like the employee's funds or sales tax.
5. **Fines, traffic tickets, parking tickets, penalties to governmental unit are not discharged in Chapter 7, may not be discharged in 13 without full payment.**
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12. **PAYMENTS TO CREDITORS YOU PREFERRED** to pay more than \$600 in front of others, within 1 yr if a relative or insider, or within 90 days if another creditor, so don't pay off debts to keep credit cards or protect others. TRANSFERS OF PROPERTY within 4 years that made you unable to pay your debts at the time can be reversed by a Trustee and the transferee will have to give back the property you transferred.
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Dated: 10/21/2016

  
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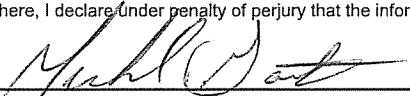
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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